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GENERAL TSAI DECLINES TO BOW THE KNEE.

NO REPLY SENT TO ULTIMATUM.

ARTILLERY FIRE AGAIN BEING EXCHANGED.

SERIOUS OUTBREAK FEARED CERTAIN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

Shanghai, Feb. 19, 11.20 a.m.

NO REPLY HAS BEEN SENT TO THE JAPANESE ULTIMATUM. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES ARE ENGAGED IN DRAFTING AN ANSWER AND THAT IT WILL CONSIST IN A FIRM REFUSAL TO COMPLY.

Artillery fire was being exchanged all last night, though there was less activity this morning. Shells have been dropping into Hongkew, especially in the vicinity of the Wayside wharves, with a regularity which suggests that the Chinese gunners are deliberately directing their fire into this part of the Settlement with the purpose of interfering with Japanese preparations for their offensive campaign.

The Junior Golf Club premises were struck by a shell and the north wall and roof damaged. The premises were later entered by thieves, whisky and beer bottles being strewn all over the floor, cigars and cigarettes removed. Silver cups and trophies were left untouched.

NAVAL GUNS OPERATING ON LAND.

The Japanese have now landed four three-inch naval guns with a range of ten thousand yards, which have been placed into position in square formation about twenty yards to the north and immediately behind the Junior Golf Club premises.

The guns are being manned and operated by Japanese blue-jackets and large quantities of ammunition arrived at the scene this morning.

REFUGEES STOPPED.

The further evacuation of refugees from the North Szechuan Road and the railway line area north of Range Road has not been permitted to-day by the Japanese forces, which indicates that the roads in the area are required to be free for military movements. The Japanese are almost taking it for granted, following the rejection of their proposals for the demilitarisation of the Shanghai Jolla yesterday, that their ultimatum will not be complied with.

SUNDOWN TO-MORROW.

GEN. TSAI TING-KAI DECLINES TO CONSIDER WITHDRAWAL.

(SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH").

Shanghai, Feb. 19, 10.55 a.m.

The outbreak of hostilities on a bigger scale than ever before witnessed seems almost inevitable.

General Uyeda's ultimatum to General Tsai Ting-kai, the youthful leader of the XIXth Route Army, is prominently featured in both the Chinese and foreign newspapers.

Tsai Dellant.

The China Press quotes General Tsai Ting-kai as having said, on its receipt:

"I will not bow down to Japan, but will continue in the defence of my country."

Shanghai now waits anxiously for sundown to-morrow when, if the ultimatum is rejected, the Japanese will begin their projected offensive.

The Chinese forces are, apparently anything but seriously



Some of China's best troops are employed in the Chapei fighting. These men are firing from a sandbag barricade erected at an important road junction opposite the Japanese lines.

BRITISH HINT TO COMBATANTS.

LOSS OF LIFE & PROPERTY.

RESPONSIBILITY WARNING.

London, Feb. 18.

The acute interest with which the House of Commons is watching events in the Far East was shown again to-day when the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, gave members the latest information in his possession.

After referring with regret, to the two British naval ratings who were killed yesterday by shells which, from their direction, seemed almost certain to have been fired by Chinese guns, Sir John Simon said the British Minister had sent a Note to the Chinese Minister for Foreign Affairs, calling attention to the episode and requesting that strict instructions be issued to the Chinese military authorities concerned, with a view to preventing any possible recurrence of such incidents.

Both Sides The Same.

He was also reminded that the British Government must, in this unfortunate conflict between China and Japan, hold each side responsible for any loss to British life and property that may be caused by their respective armed forces.

Referring to the meeting this morning between the Chinese and Japanese military authorities, which he mentioned had been largely brought about by Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister, in the hope that a cessation of hostilities might be arranged, Sir John Simon said the House would regret that the latest press messages indicated that an agreement had not been secured.

Withdrawal Suggested.

Mr. George Lansbury raised the possibility of withdrawing all British residents from Shanghai in the event of a continuation of hostilities.

Sir John Simon declared that the possibility was being very carefully considered, but he was unable to give any further answer. The practical difficulties of such a step must be examined on the spot.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

CHINESE CLAIM UPHELD.

LEAGUE ASSEMBLY MEETING.

Geneva, Feb. 18.

Jurists have been in conference all day to-day, considering the Japanese juridical objections to the convocation of a special meeting of the League Assembly. It is understood that they have



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Strange Japanese Comment on XIXth Army.

Surrounded by Nanking Troops for Disbandment!

Geneva, Feb. 18.

Mr. W. W. Yen, the chairman of the Chinese delegation, has asked for a special meeting of the Council to be held to-morrow, owing to the grave news of the presentation of the Japanese ultimatum in Shanghai.

Mr. Yen will ask the Council to endeavour to prevent the catastrophe which seems imminent. A communication issued this evening by the Japanese delegation to the League of Nations states:

uphold the legality of the Chinese application.

The League Secretariat are of opinion that a meeting of the Assembly could be held on March 1, but if Japan decides to exercise her right, requiring time for a special delegate to come from Japan, the meeting might be delayed until a fortnight later.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH ATTITUDE MADE CLEAR.

SECRETARY FOR WAR OUTLINES NEED FOR CAUTION.

PRE-JUDGMENT DANGER.

London, Feb. 18.

The dangerous and delicate situation as a result of the Sino-Japanese conflict in and around Shanghai was debated in the House of Lords to-night.

Lord Ponsbury, the leader of the Labour Peers, expressed the opinion that the true facts were being concealed from the people of Japan, where the militarists were temporarily in control.

He believed, however, that there was still a great deal of right feeling in Japan, which might be appealed to and he hoped that no attempt would be made to bargain with the Japanese Government on the lines of allowing them a free hand in Manchuria in return for a relaxation of the Japanese stranglehold in Shanghai.

BRITISH LEAD URGED.

He thought that the British Government should take the lead in League Council in readiness to penalise any nation breaking its pledges.

Lord Hailsham, replying, said the situation in Shanghai was causing grave concern to the Government. He emphasised that the authorities of all foreign Powers in Shanghai were co-operating very cordially.

The British Government throughout had kept in the closest touch with the United States and Powers members of the League of Nations, and pointed out that it would not be wise or proper for the Govern-

ELECTROCUTED IN HIS BATH.

A Chinese wine merchant met his death early yesterday morning under peculiar circumstances whilst having a bath at his residence in Hung Ho Terrace, 12, St. Stephen's Lane.

The deceased, Mr. Leung Min-hin, aged 57, was having a bath shortly after midnight and was using an electric heating apparatus which he had placed on a wooden grating at the end of the bath to keep the room warm. The apparatus, accidentally fell into the bath and electrified the water.

Mr. Leung struggled and shouted, and inmates of the house went to his assistance. Efforts to resuscitate him proved fruitless, however. During the struggle in the water, the deceased kicked the heating apparatus and severely burned his legs.

NO CONDEMNATION.

Lord Hailsham stated that, in the opinion of the Government, the League's appeal to Japan did not involve any condemnation of Japan or anything in the nature of a threat. It was merely a friendly appeal to Japan to do her utmost to assist to preserve peace and the sanctity of the Covenant.

The British Government, said the Government spokesman, would not relax its endeavours to get a peaceable solution of the problem. He deprecated any expression of opinion regarding the responsibility for the situation until a full opportunity had been given to the Council or the Assembly of the League.

BRITISH STOCKS STIMULATED.

PLEASANT BANK RATE SURPRISE.

London, Feb. 18.

The reduction of the bank rate to-day from six to five per cent. had a stimulating effect in the City and on the Stock Exchange.

It was the first reduction since Britain left the gold standard five months ago.

The change came as a pleasant surprise and business received an immediate stimulus, stock prices generally being marked up.

The outstanding feature at the close was the substantial gains registered by all the leading gildestocks of specialties. These include:

War Loan Five, a rise of three quarters to 98%; funding loan four per cent. rise 1% to 98%; consolidated four per cent. rise 1% to 98%;—*British Wireless.*

BRITISH OUTLOOK.

The reported failure of the meeting to-day between the Japanese and Chinese was to be greatly regretted and there seemed a serious risk of a recommencement of hostilities. Such a failure was not going to discourage the Government in their peace efforts.

We are appealing to both nations on the basis that they are determined to carry out their obligations. The British Government believed, he said, that they were far more likely to achieve the aim of ending the present critical situation and of protecting British lives and property by means of conciliation than by the issue of threats or partitioning.—*Reuter.*

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UNION CHURCH MEETING.
RETURN TO NORMAL CONDITION.
YEAR'S ACTIVITIES.

The annual general meeting of members of the Union Church, Kennedy Road, took place last evening in the Church Hall.

The proceedings began with a social, at which songs were rendered by Mr. E. Keown and recitations were given by Mr. C. G. Hickling. After an excellent supper provided by the Ladies Committee, the annual meeting was held.

Mr. A. T. Hamilton, Chairman of the Committee of Management, was elected to the chair. In moving the adoption of the report and accounts, the Chairman congratulated the Church on the ministry of the Rev. E. G. Powell and on its sound position in spite of a deficit in the accounts. This was due to the exceptionally heavy repairs to buildings, which had to be carried out in the past year but which were not likely to recur for many years to come.

Mr. P. D. Wilson seconded the adoption of the report and accounts, and this was unanimously carried.

New Officers.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Joint Hon. Treasurers:—Mr. N. M. Currie and Mr. S. S. Cook.

Hon. Secretary:—Mr. E. Hime.

Committee of Management:—Messrs. J. Mitchell, C. Pryce and A. T. Hamilton, Dr. E. W. Kirk, Rev. E. G. Powell, and Messrs. A. T. Hamilton, C. C. Hickling, J. Mitchell, M. F. Key, J. Lacey, H. J. Lamb, P. D. Wilson, A. Stevenson, S. V. Boxer, Nicholas, W. Elliot.

Ladies' Committee:—Messrs. Mitchell, Pryce, Thompson, P. D. Wilson, Goddard, Nicholas, E. L. Phillips, Boxer, Nickels, Hickling, Robertson, A. R. H. Phillips, Hamilton, and Wilson.

The meeting approved of a proposal that the work of the New Territories Evangelisation Society be transferred to the Sixth District of the Canton Synod of the Church of Christ in China, it being understood that the Union Churches of Hongkong and Kowloon will form Auxiliary Societies for the support of the work and will be represented on the Committee organizing the work.

The Report, presented by Mr. E. Hime, Hon. Secretary on behalf of the Committee of Management, states:

Annual Report.
The Committee of Management has much pleasure in presenting to the members the report and balance sheet for the work of 1931.

The year 1931 has seen a return to normal and steady progress in the life of the Church. It is difficult to estimate the spiritual results of the work of any church but we are pleased to record well sustained and increasing Congregations throughout the year, and this interest in the public worship augurs well for the future prosperity of the Church. It is very gratifying to be able to congratulate the Rev. E. G. Powell, on the success of this first full year of his ministry; a result that has only been achieved by a devoted and tireless service on his part and the tactful facing of the many problems which are the inevitable lot of a minister.

Finance.

A pleasing feature of this year's working account is an increase shown in the Sunday Collections of \$1,105.64. This, however, is offset by a serious deficit in the amount of subscriptions, and it is hoped that this lost ground will be regained during the coming year. In preparing a budget for the year a reasonable amount is set aside for repairs and renewals, but two

big items under this head have resulted in much heavier expenditure during 1931 than was anticipated. Retrussing the Church Hall roof and the rebuilding of the entire lavatory accommodation absorbed \$2,725.67. These have contributed to an adverse balance for the year, amounting to \$2,141.99, but your committee believes that such extraordinary expenditure is unlikely to recur during the forthcoming year. The Church has naturally suffered from the trade depression experienced during the year but your committee is confident that the Congregation will not allow the Church to become financially embarrassed.

The Services.

When the fleet was in port a naval parade was held on Sunday at 10.15 a.m. Throughout the year detachments from the South Wales Borderers have regularly attended the ordinary morning services. Service men were well represented at the evening services and at the Social hour which followed. We are indebted to the Ladies' Committee for the work undertaken in supplying refreshments on these occasions and to Dr. Ride who made possible the broadcasting of the community singing.

Young Peoples' Society.

A series of bathing and tennis parties were held during the summer months, all of which were well attended and furnished enjoyable afternoons. In the course of the year a new feature was established in "Young Peoples' Sunday"—the morning service of the fourth Sunday in each month being devoted to the interests of young people. However, there still exists a real need for more cohesion among the young people of the church and for an effort to fill the gap which exists in the religious lives of so many after the conclusion of their Sunday School days.

The Choir.

Throughout the year the Choir has done good work in the morning and evening services. Our thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Phillips for entertaining the Choir at a most enjoyable social evening towards the end of the summer which brought members together and made a starting point for renewed activities in the winter. These efforts culminated in the Choir Festival on the last Sunday in the year when a special musical service was held and selections from the "Messiah" were rendered. The success of this Choral Service was proved by the exceptionally large and appreciative congregation and the enthusiasm with which outside helpers came to our assistance. We hope something similar can be arranged every year. The Committee is greatly indebted to our Organist and Choir-Master, Mr. Longyear, for his faithful and successful services.

The N.T. Evangelisation Society.
It is unfortunate that the accounts of the New Territories Evangelisation Society showed a deficit for the year. It is with the hope of interesting a larger number of people in and extending the work on the New Territories that a proposal will be made at the annual general meeting for the transfer of control of the Society to the Sixth District of the Church of Christ in China. It is further proposed that an auxiliary missionary society shall be formed by this church whose primary object will be to assist the New controlling body in maintaining the work on the New Territories. The results of the Society's work during the year have been extremely gratifying, a great deal of interest centring round the erection of a new chapel at Castle Peak. There have been constant appeals from districts where the organization has not yet reached and we should be falling in our duty if we denied the Christian message to those who desire to receive it.

The Sunday Schools.

Kennedy Road: An encouraging feature of Church life in 1931 was the increased activity shown in the Sunday Schools. Joint services were held in the Church on Sunday School Anniversary Sunday

and on Christmas gift Sunday. The number of Scholars at Kennedy Road is now 60 under the supervision of seven teachers and a hard working superintendent Mr. Nickels. The children had a most enjoyable afternoon picnic at Repulse Bay in October. During the year the Scholars contributed \$150 to the New Territories Evangelisation Society.

Quarry Bay.

The Sunday School at Quarry Bay meets at three o'clock on Sunday afternoons in Talkoo Club Hall. The attendance has been well maintained during 1931 and there are about 40 names on the roll. The children's weekly offerings provide education for one pupil in the Ying Wah Girls' School. The school is fortunate in having an enthusiastic band of teachers who do much good work among the scholars.

The Committee desires to express its deep appreciation of the work done by those who have helped in the Sunday Schools during the year.

Kowloon Union Church.

The Committee desires to congratulate the Kowloon Union Church on the completion of the new church and manse, also upon the new constitution which they have adopted. We rejoice with them in the settlement of the Rev. Dr. Allen, as successor to the Rev. Horace Johnston. The enthusiasm displayed during the year and the large gathering to welcome the minister promise well for the future.

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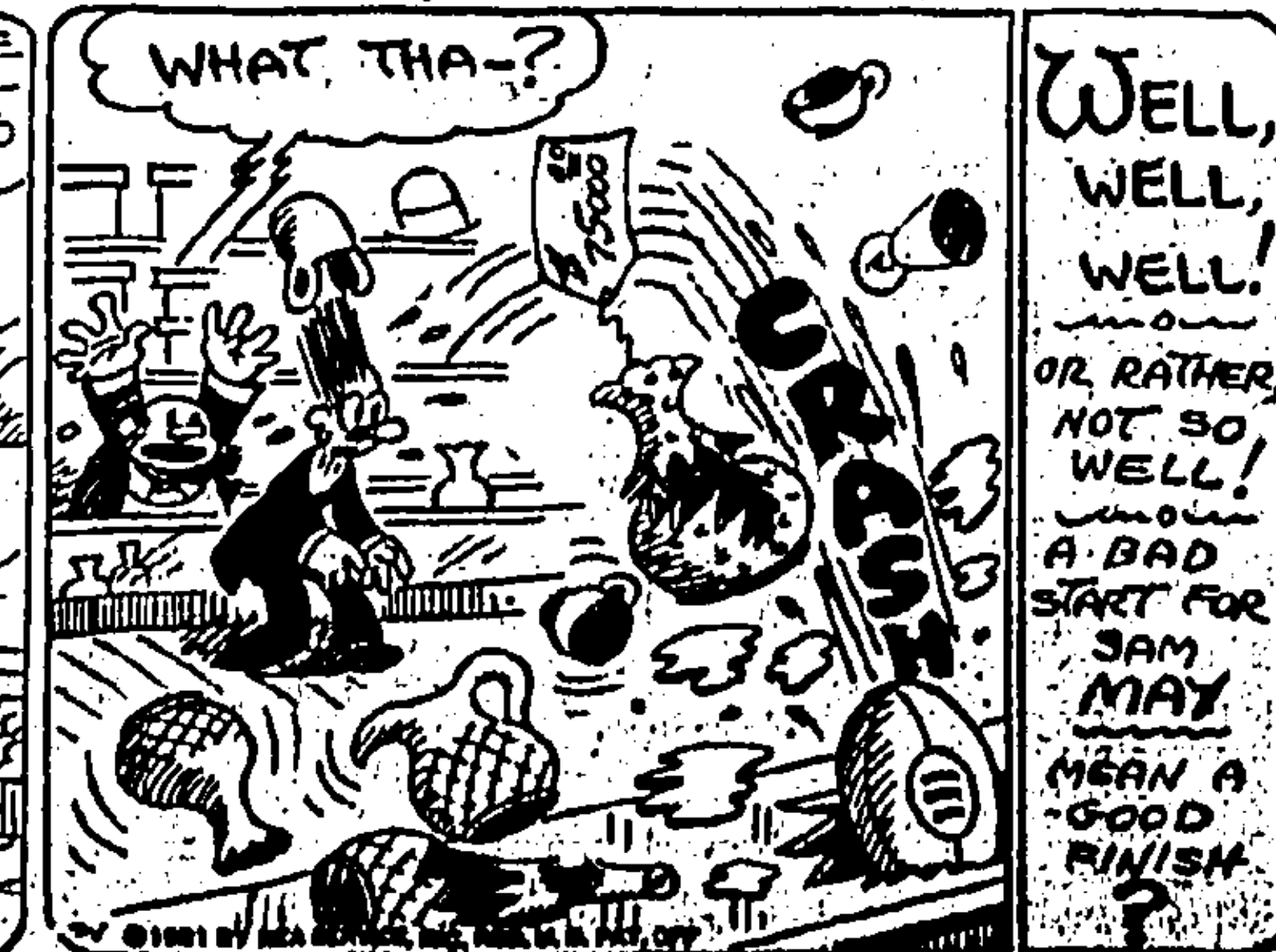
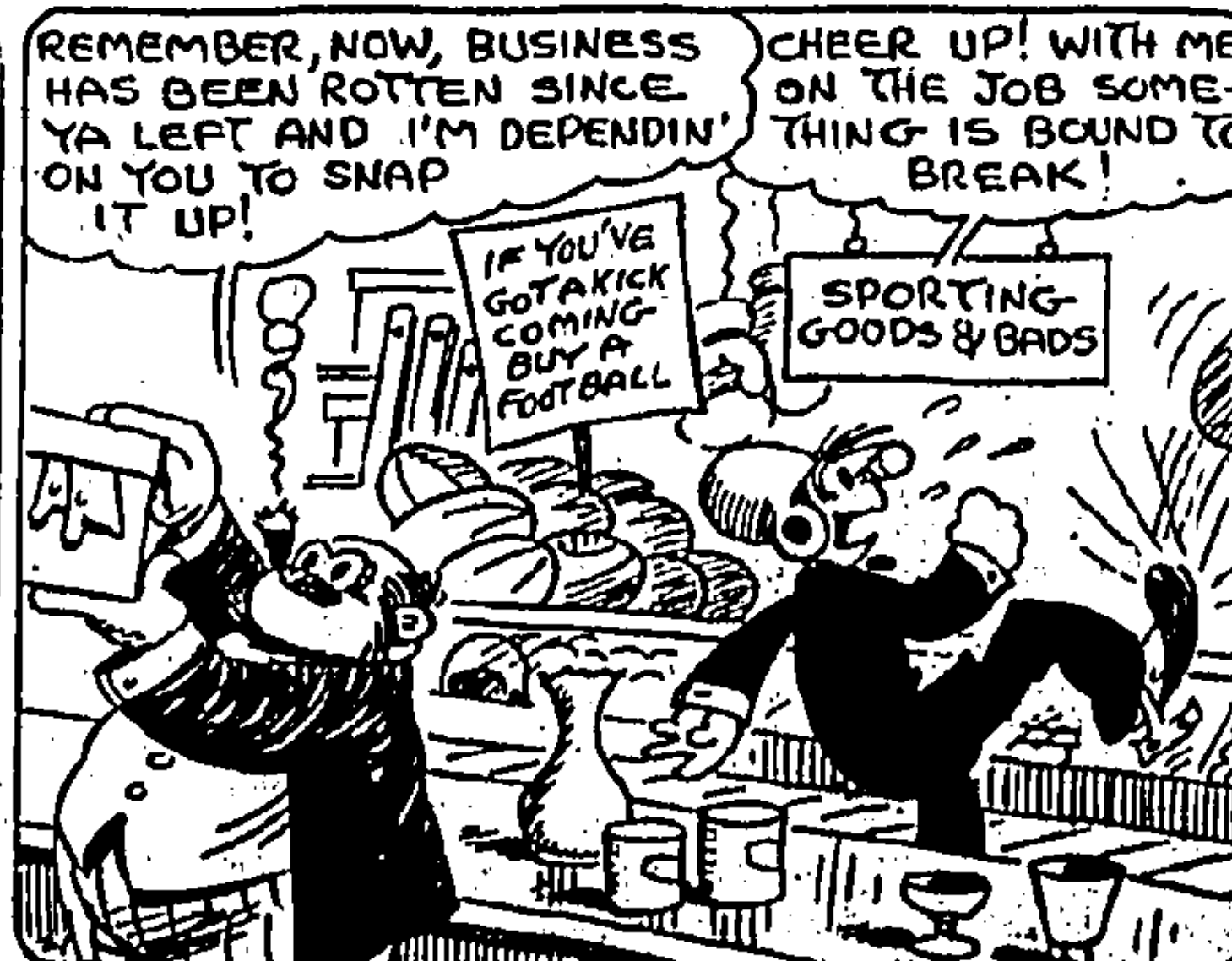


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NEW LEVEE BREAKS ON THE TALLAHATCHIE RIVER flooded 50,000 acres and marooned 7500 persons in the Mississippi delta area below Memphis. Flood conditions were described as the worst in history in the entire Tallahatchie basin. The photo here shows a street in Sharkey, just after a break in the levee had sent the swirling flood waters into the little town.



No one could say that Miss Adrienne Dore hadn't "a leg to stand on" when she applied for a job in the talkies. Already the former "Miss America" beauty contest winner, is a featured film player.

THREE KINDS OF LOVE

by KAY CLEAVER STRAHAN

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Ann, Cecily and Mary-Frances Fenwick live with their grandparents, once wealthy, now no longer so. Ann's and Cecily's earnings support the household. The sisters have been orphaned since childhood. The grandparents are known respectively as "Grandpa" and "Grandma" and they insist on keeping up pretences of their former wealth. Ann, 23, and Cecily, 22, do secretarial work and Mary-Frances, 15, is still in school. When the story opens Ann has been engaged to Philip Gordon, young lawyer, for eight years.

Cecily brings Harry McKel home to dinner. It is evident that she is falling in love with him. Mary-Frances has a telephone call from her friend, Ermintrude, who is excited about the arrival of an actor known as East de Armout. The two girls make plans to meet him. Phil comes to see Ann. He is late and rather irritable. When he leaves he promises to kiss Ann.

Next afternoon Mary-Frances and Ermintrude go down town hoping to meet de Armout.

CHAPTER IX

Ermintrude, plumper and less favoured with positive prettiness than was Mary-Frances, and hence her satellite, received the accusation at least indifferently. Since nine o'clock the previous evening, omitting only the few grudging hours given to sleep to wards dawn, and the stupid interval spent in the high-school classrooms, Mary-Frances had talked unceasingly of her approaching romance. That she herself was slightly bored with the affair Ermintrude would not have admitted. That she was fearful of proceeding further into it Ermintrude had been admitting repeatedly and more and more urgently for 18 hours.

"Yes," said Mary-Frances, "that is the trouble with you, Ermintrude."

"What is?" asked Ermintrude.

"That you're like my sisters, Ann and Cecily, I told you. They think any old thing like their jobs, or keeping that old house of ours for Grand and Rosalie, or my education, even, is more important than love."

"Everybody says," contributed Ermintrude, "that your sisters are awfully good girls."

"Well," said Mary-Frances, as if the discussion had been one of racial characteristics and Ermintrude had remarked that Ann and Cecily were white, "of course they're good. Why shouldn't they be good?"

"Anyway," said Ermintrude, "I don't think you'd better, Mary-Frances, I don't honestly."

This tendency on the part of her friend for taking long backward conversational leaps instead

of advancing in order had ever been, for Mary-Frances, a trying tendency. At the moment, it was more exasperating than usual, because Ermintrude knew, since she had been thoroughly informed, that Mary-Frances's whole life's happiness depended upon successfully carrying through this coming venture. "Ermintrude Hill," said Mary-Frances, "sometimes you make me just sick and disgusted."

"Last night," Mary-Frances conceded, "you were all right. You understood about ideals, and the importance of love and everything. I don't know what's got into you today. I guess you just don't care about my life's happiness being fulfilled nor anything."

"I do too," said Ermintrude. "But just the same I don't think you should go and pick up strange men on the street."

"That's nice, isn't it?" reproved Mary-Frances bitterly. "And it was you your own self, over the phone last night, that said all about soul crying to soul and everything."

"Well," Ermintrude gloomily admitted, "maybe I did. But just the same, if Mother and Daddy should find out that I picked up a strange man on the street they'd kill me. They'd just naturally kill me—that's all."

"I suppose," said Mary-Frances, apologetically matching Ermintrude's gloom, "that you expect to get a long ways with your stage career, and receive ovations and everything, without a bit of bravery. Not even a teeny bit of bravery." "To-day, during algebra," said Ermintrude, "I kind of got to thinking about Peter, and I just almost decided to give up the stage for a career."

If Ermintrude, with the thin wedge, had hoped to open a discussion of her own affairs, her hopes were unavailing. Rosy-moade, by this time, had been left behind, and the girls were coming down a small hill covered with the lush, heady greens of Oregon's uncultivated shrubbery. At the foot of the hill a service station sprouted, shining red and white in the sun. Mary-Frances clutched Ermintrude's arm. "There!" she said. "I'll stop in there and fix up. They have a ladies' rest room. It will be better than going on down to Palmer's, like we'd



REFUGEES FROM FLOODED MISSISSIPPI towns in the Tallahatchie river basin are shown crowding into Webb, Miss., in boats. Streets in Webb itself were covered with water, but in the lowlands residents were forced to housestays when water rose in some instances to a depth of 10 feet.

planned."

"I don't hardly think they'll let you," Ermintrude objected. "Without a car or anything."

"They'd just better try to stop me," threatened Mary-Frances. She was a female thing, queening for love and beauty. Her tiny nostrils dilated slightly.

The attendant at the service station, pleasantly named Albert Jolly and as British as "Zed," had noticed two girls, whom he might have described as sweetly comely, approach and cross his gravelled corner. He had noticed them, and busy with his pumps and his oil cans, he had promptly forgotten them. He was vaguely startled, 15 minutes later, when he saw the two young persons again in his gravelled corner.

Albert was at an age when all youth looked much and beautifully alike to him. Still, he had retained an impression that the blue little lady was a bit more agreeable to the eye than was the stockier brown little lady. He looked again at the blue little lady, and his eyes opened wide, and his jaw went down a trifle, and murmuring and distinctly troubled he returned to his pumps and oil cans.

Mary-Frances had resolved that, for once in her life, she was going to look decent. The lipstick, which had done double duty for cheeks and lips, had been purloined from Cecily, as had the clown-white powder, undimmed by the tan and the pink powders with which Cecily carefully blended it. The cork for the eyelashes and eyebrows had been burned in Ermintrude's bedroom the night before; the bluing for the eyelids had been removed from the large bottle in the Hills' kitchen to a small vial that morning.

There could be no doubt as to the altered appearance of Mary-Frances. Ermintrude, looking again at her friend as they left the gravel and gained the sidewalk, declared, "You're a perfectly ravishing beauty, Mary-Frances darling. And, my, but you look old! Honest, no fooling, you look almost—jaded." Which was delivered as high homage, and which was so received.

The girls went on, past Rosy-moade's Development and Realty Company, down Tanner street, past Ike Crombley's. New and Second-Hand Furniture Company, past the Sans Souci Apartments, past the post, showing the sign, "Fenwick

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SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local
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Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1380 n.
Chartered Bank, \$1134 n.
Mercantile A. and B., \$18 n.
East Asia, \$127½ n.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$1,350 n.
Union Ins., 400 b.
China Underwriters, \$4.02½ n.
China Fire, \$690 n.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$1,250 n.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$20½ n.
H. K. Steamboat, \$23 n.
Indo-China, (Pref.) \$32 n.
Union Waterboats, \$25 n.
Mining.
Benguet, \$11.75 n.
Kallans, 25/- n.
S'hai Explorations, Ltd. 2.10 n.
Rauba, \$39 s.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$156 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$29 n.
South China Motors \$10 n.
Providentia (old), \$5 n.

SHANGHAI CRISIS IN
PICTURES.Pictorial Supplement
Feature.

As there was such a demand
for last Saturday's issue of
the *Telegraph* Pictorial Sup-
plement, containing pictures
of the Shanghai crisis, we
have decided to devote a page
in to-morrow's issue to the
same subject. These will be
found most interesting for
the purpose of sending to
relatives at home.

In addition, there will be
several pictures of local
events.

Hongkew, Tls. 220 n.
New Engineers, Tls. 6¼ n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 90½ n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons Tls. 14½ n.
Shanghai Cottons, Tls. 80½ n.
Zoon Sings Tls. 1½ n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H.K. Hotels (old) \$13.20 b.
H.K. S. Hotels (new) \$13 n.
H. K. Lands, \$76 n.
S'hai Lands, Tls. 30 n.
Humphreys' (old) \$19 n.
Realities, \$11.65 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$20.80 n.
Peak Trams, (old), \$15.60 n.
Star Ferries, \$94 n.
China Lights, \$21.60 n.
H. K. Electric, \$75¼ su.
Macao Electric, \$23 n.
Telephones, \$43 n.
China Buses, Tls. 16 n.
Singapore Tractions, 5/- n.

Industrials.

Malabon, \$38 n.
Canton Ice, \$5 n.
Cements (com.) \$16.00 b.
Ropes, \$16.40 n.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$29½ n.
Watsons, \$16.50 n.
Der A. Wings, \$1 n.
Lane Crawfords, \$6 n.
Mackintosh, \$19 b.
Sinceres \$16 n.
Powells, \$3.50 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$19¼ b.
Entertainments (old) \$10½ n.
Constructions (old) \$5.15 n.
S. C. Enterprises \$10 n.
Constructions (new), \$1.80 b.
R. Ind. G. S. Bonds, \$58½ n.
Loans, \$3% b. Prem.

WOMEN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

COLOURFUL SWEATERS ADD A PIQUANT
NOTE TO WARDROBES.Necks and Sleeves
Have OriginalityNew Models Are
Short, Fitted.

[By Joan Savoy.]
Nothing short of a whole dress
or costume can have the cocktail
effect of a becoming new sweater
blouse. No longer can you call
them merely "sweaters." They
have all the grace, piquancy and
originality of hand-made little
blouses. And usually they add
much more in the way of colour.

Sleeves Take on Variety.
Necklines and sleeves are the
points of chic to gaze at in the
new sweaters. There are some
little tricky pullovers that have
short, very full puff sleeves that
fairly drop off a wide yoke. But
for wear in colder climes, there

are several different versions of
the fancy long sleeve that will
catch your eye.
For one of the popular blue,
blue and white tricolour effects, a
navy closely knit sweater (cousin
tree) simulates the sleeveless gilet
effect by having its tight little
rolled collar, yoke and cap sleeves
of lighter blue and white. The
yoke and the little cap sleeves are
something brand new in the swea-
ter field, looking for all the world
the way a dainty organdy does
when it uses ruffle upon ruffle to
achieve an effect.

In Rough and Ready Mode.
Smart for hard wear is the mid-

night blue (left), that is practi-
cally a black and white plain and
polka dotted blouse. It is an uni-
que knit, a diagonal knit with yoke
and sleeves of white mesh with
dots the same dark blue.
If it's something with colour that
you are looking for, a new
string coloured sweater, in a loose,
easy knit, has a rounding, rolled
collar, scarf and puff sleeves of
brown, orange and white. This
is one of those short little swea-
ters that fits down over the skirt
band, but no farther. This is
the new length—all the smartest
little sweaters are selling short
nowadays!

BEAUTY HINTS.

[By Alicia Hart.]

Your eyes should be the loveliest
part of your face. Keep them re-
laxed so tired little lines around
the corners will not develop. Get
enough sleep to keep them bright
and shining.

There are several exercises which
keep the muscles in and around the
eyes firm and healthy. Sit in a
comfortable chair and relax. Now
close your eyes and see darkness.
Count twenty. Open them and
look at a bright light. Count
twenty again. Repeat both exer-
cises ten or fifteen times.

Focus your eyes on a point as far
distant as you can see. Count
twenty. Quickly change the focus
of your eyes to a point at arm's
length and count thirty. Repeat
these two exercises, alternating, ten
times. Now hold your head erect
and without turning it at all, look
as far to the left as is possible and
then to the right as far as possible.
Do this ten times and then move
your eyes in a complete circle, with-
out turning your head, five times.

Open your eyes as far as you can,
count four, close them tightly and
count three. Repeat the exercise

ten times. Now soak some cotton
pads in cool water, place them
over your eyes and leave them
there for five minutes. If you
possibly can, do the exercises
followed by the five minutes rest
period, twice each day. You'll
notice a decided improvement both
in the beauty and the strength of
your eyes within a few weeks.

You should use an eye bath at
night to remove all the dirt and
dust particles which have collected
during the day. Fill an eye cup
with a weak solution of boracic acid
and water and thoroughly wash
the eyes. If you prefer, you may
use a prepared antiseptic solution
instead of the boracic acid. If
you have difficulty getting your
eyes to "wake up," bathe them in
the morning as well as at night.

If there are tiny lines around
your eyes or if the skin looks stretch-
ed, pat them with a good nourish-
ing cream before you go to bed.
Leave a little of it on all night.
If the lines are really etched into
the skin, use a muscle astringent
oil. It will be more effective if
you warm it before you pat it
around your eyes.

You should see an oculist once
a year and if he advises glasses,
buy some. Wear them when you
read or sew, and in that way you
will keep them from becoming a
weak that you have to wear glasses
all the time.

CAKES WORTH
TRYING.

Marzipan Varieties.

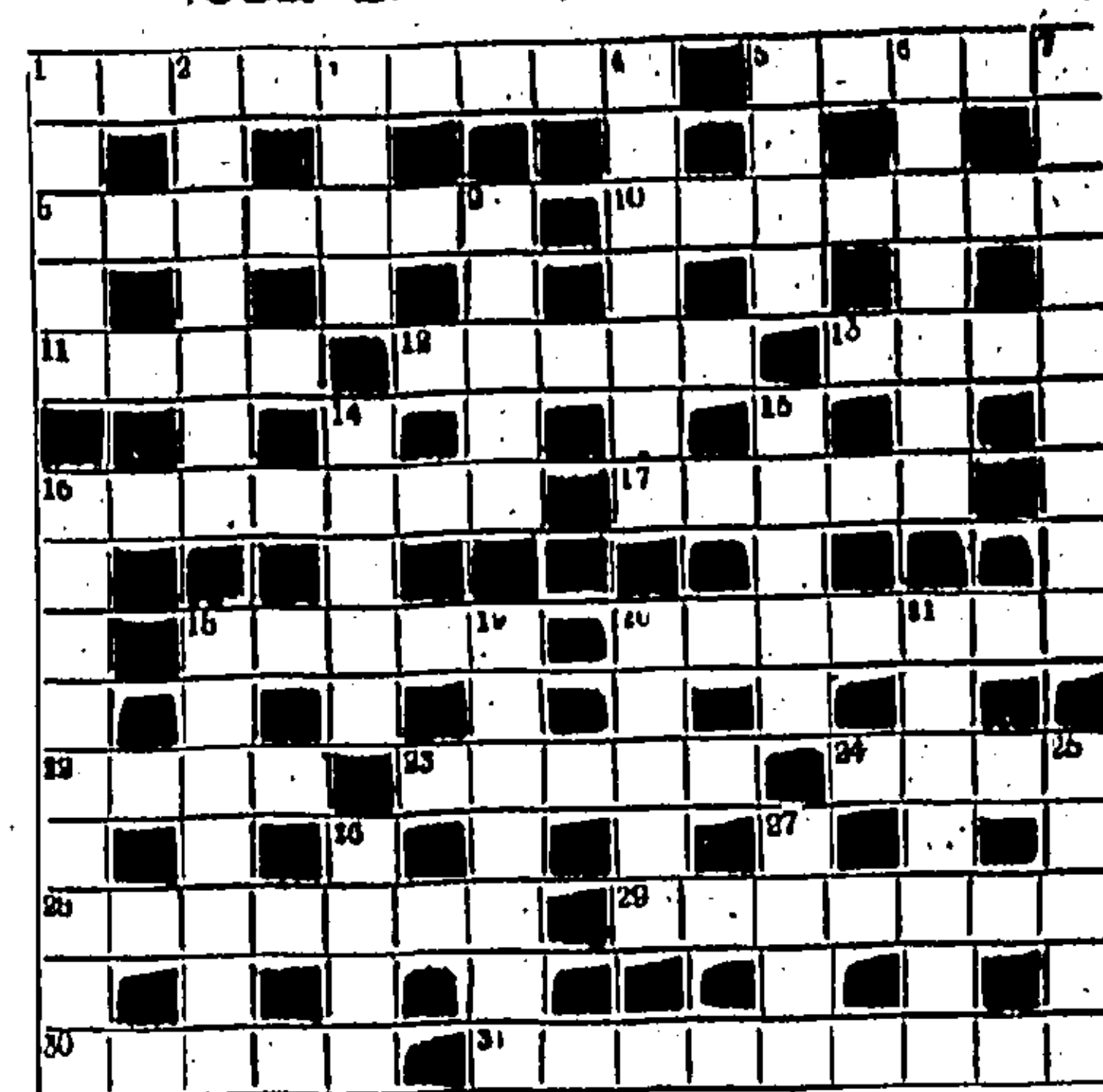
Put ½ lb. loaf sugar into a sauce-
pan with a pint of water and a
pinch of cream of tartar. Boil to-
gether until a small thread forms
when the mixture is cooled and
tested between finger and thumb.
Add 1 lb. of ground almonds, the
lightly whipped white of an egg,
and a few drops of almond essence,
and bring to the boil. Turn the mix-
ture on to a wet slab or board and
work into various shapes with fin-
gers that have been dipped into
cold water.

By adding a few drops of appro-
priate colouring matter to different
portions of the mixture you can
make the most realistic cucumbers,
apples, carrots, pears, or eggs in
nests.

Almond Princes.

Put 6oz. of sifted icing sugar in-
to a basin with 3oz. of chopped
almonds and 2 whites of eggs.
Work all together with a wooden
spoon for about ten minutes or until
the mixture thickens, and then drop
in small portions, on rice paper
covered baking sheets. Lay a few
shreds of almonds on top of each
little cake and bake in a fairly
quick oven.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS



Across

- 1 A first will not be likely to third
so much if his second be large
and shady in this American
island.
- 5 Tendon that becomes twisted in
swine.
- 8 Why hurt the lad? He can't
help being coloured.
- 10 Artful dog! to make a row about
a bit of a slip like that.
- 11 He caught a whiff as he dropped.
It almost unnerved him (hidden).
- 12 When one is divided by a letter
it is not suitable.
- 13 What, with one thing and an-
other, one secures.
- 16 "Ref. Ruth" (anag.).
- 17 Roam here among the trees.
- 18 Acid claimed to be found in an
apple when the claim is made in
the correct form.
- 20 Here one must take measures
about a total abstinence, though
its ends be wide as the poles
asunder.
- 22 Breezy.
- 23 Scolds sang heroic poems. This
blaze in a gentler way.
- 24 Ten to one—average person.
- 28 We may come across these
puzzling matters in games.
- 29 The bird which has no feathers.
- 30 Here one is in shaded surround-
ings.
- 31 If a sheep is an opera. Which
would you choose?

Down

- 1 If you wanted logs for a hundred
years what tree might be ample?
- 2 More clamant.
- 3 Here we have the doings—
4 and here we haven't any thing.
5 4 is this in life.
- 6 Is nothing in Neme injurious to

- 7 Of no value—and deserving of
loss.
- 9 One may be one in one on a
train.
- 14 Shi Beer before oil may result
in a flare up.
- 15 It was a stern escort that edged
him out hastily (hidden).
- 16 Ethereal and intangible, yet
solid, so be it, to a T.
- 18 Scottish John attends the mar-
ket as a visitor from another
sphere.
- 19 "For rhyme the rudder is of
verses, with which, like ships,
they steer their—" "Hudibras."
- 20 Nip off an inch at the end.
- 21 Here worship.
- 25 Quite a sound size.
- 26 Though this is near the end, it's
really in the middle.
- 27 The only employer you can make
sure of.

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HONGKONG SHARE
MARKET.OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY
STOCK EXCHANGE.

There is not much to report about
the state of the market this morning.

Sales.

Hotels (Old) \$13.10/13.40.
Electricity \$75¼
Cement (Comb.) \$16.85/17.
Hongkong Ropes \$16.40.
Govt. Loans 4% Premium.

Buyers.

Hotels (Old) \$13.20.
Chinese Estates \$305.
Yamnat Ferries \$30¼.
Cements (Comb.) \$16.50.
Amusements \$19¼.
Constructions (New) \$17.5.
Govt. Loans 3% Premium.

Sellers.

Wharves \$156.
Docks \$29.

MISS SLADE'S ARREST.

THREE MONTHS' GAOL.

Bombay, Feb. 18.
Miss Slade has been sentenced to
three months' imprisonment—
reuter.

[Miss Slade, the daughter of an
English Admiral, is known by the
Indian name of Mirabal. She has
been Gandhi's disciple and per-
sonal attendant for some years.]

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE
"TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following extracts are from
the *Hongkong Telegraph* for the
week ended Feb. 18th, 1911.

The rate of the dollar on de-
mand was 1s. 9¼d.

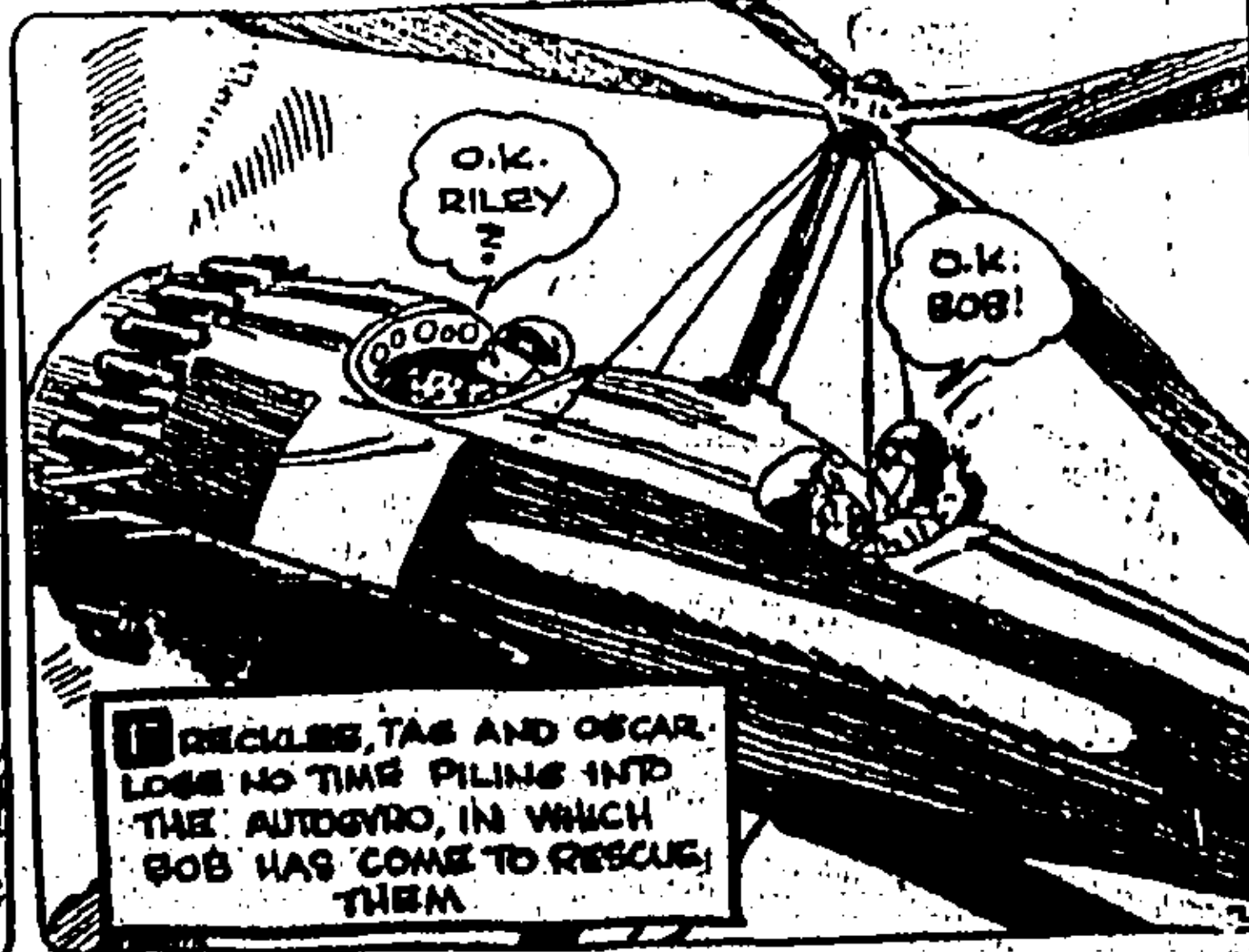
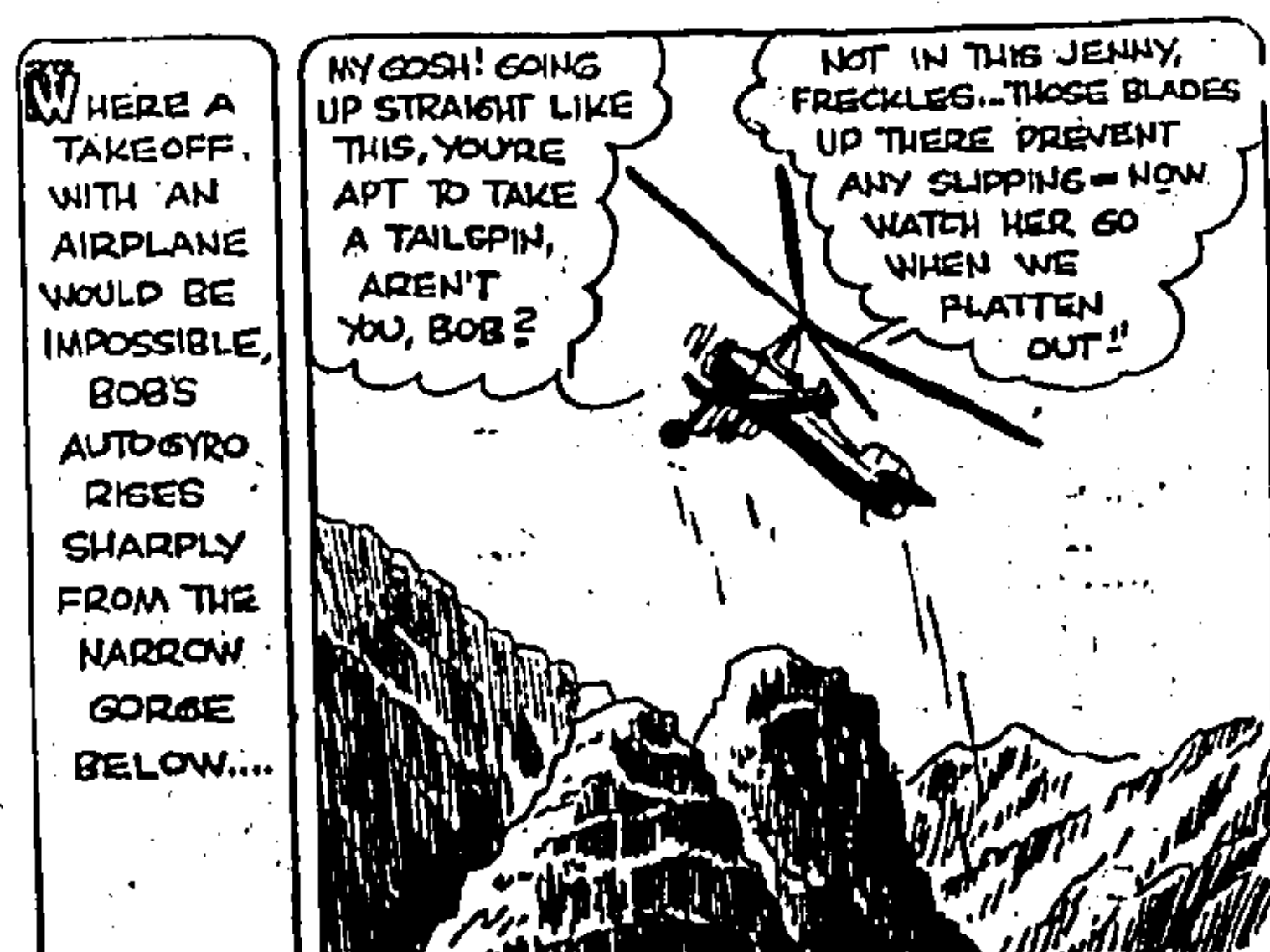
A tiger weighing over 270
pounds was shot by villagers near
Canton.

The wedding took place at St.
Andrew's Church, Kowloon, of Mr.
Alex Squair and Miss Dorothy
Lambert.

In the Hongkong Races, Corona-
tion Rose, ridden by Mr. Burkill,
won the Derby.



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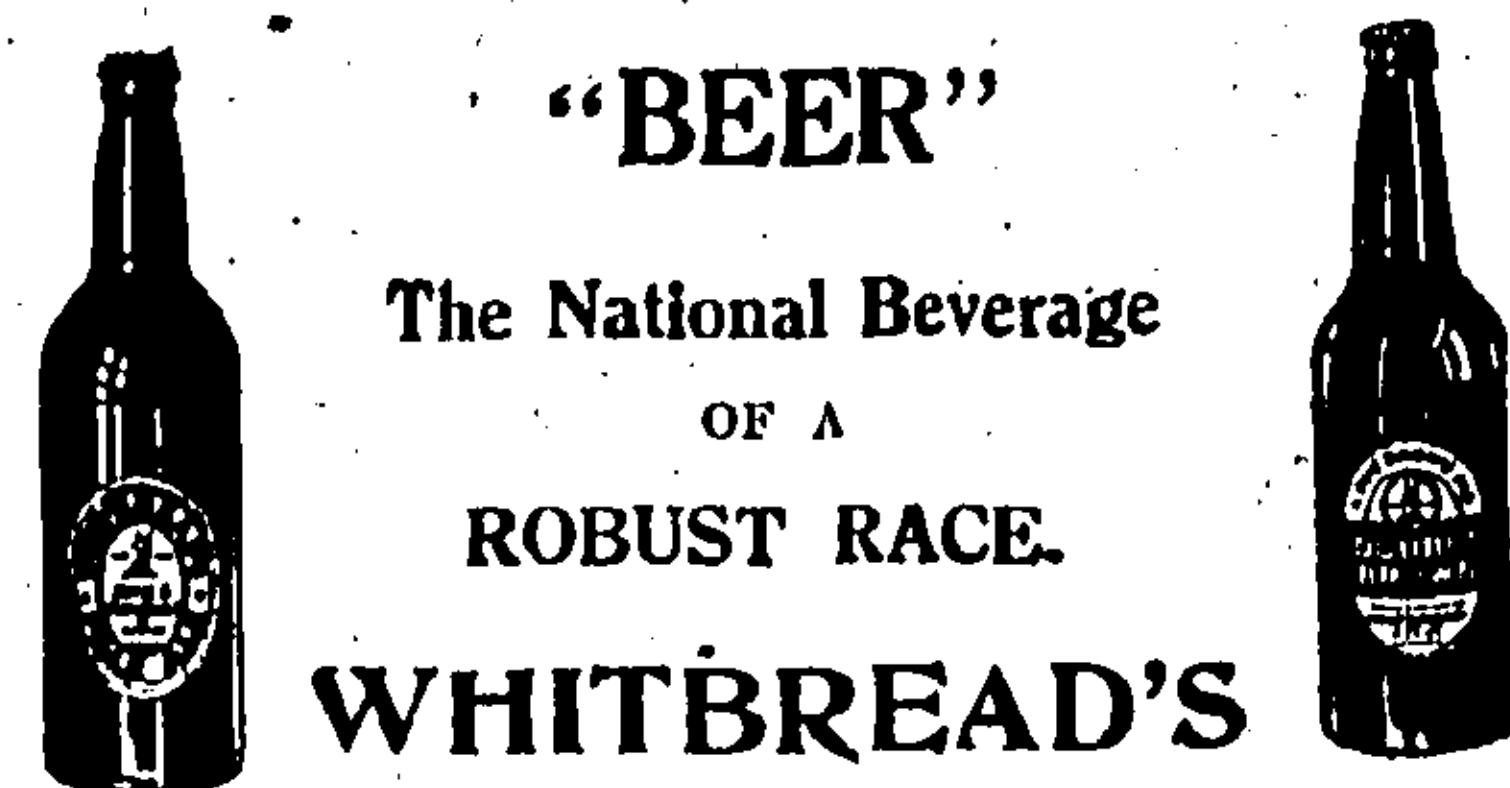
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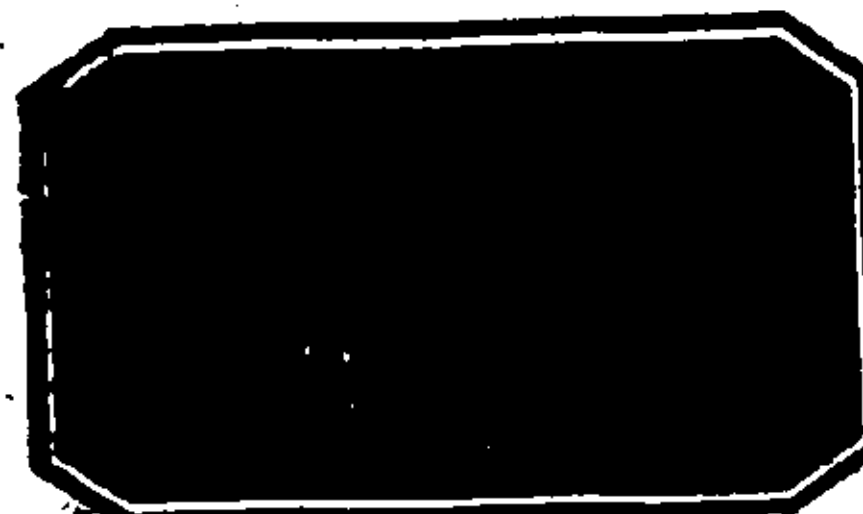
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1932.

WAR COSTS.

Yesterday, we had some observations on the popular fallacy that nations which go to war are only those who can financially afford it. It will be appropriate if we now turn to the question of the cost of wars. Some little time back a table was prepared showing the cost of armed conflict to the world. It was an inadequate table, inasmuch as it took no account of the destruction of property, the loss of human life and consequent impoverishment, of the financial and economic chaos produced, or of the moral and spiritual disturbance. These things, of course, cannot, for the most part, be estimated. The table to which we are referring is simply a recapitulation of the Budgets of the seven leading Powers of the world insofar as they apply to armaments and Service (as distinct from war) pensions. Even in this restricted form, the figures are striking enough. They show that in a typical year no less a sum than \$523,000,000 was actually spent by the seven leading nations in respect of past wars, present armaments and preparations for war which, despite treaties, may come. Here are the detailed figures:—United States, \$175,000,000; Great Britain, \$115,000,000; France, \$104,000,000; Russia, \$91,000,000; Italy, \$50,000,000; Japan, \$49,000,000; Germany, \$38,000,000.

For comparative purposes, the budgetary method is somewhat misleading, since there are countries which are much more generous to their soldiers than others. For this reason, the figures given cannot be used as a test of relative armament. But the broad fact remains that more than six hundred millions sterling was spent in this typical year on war and preparation for war. It should be pointed out that there are in addition war pensions other than service pensions. It should likewise be pointed out that there are debts from country to country which were brought into being by war and will hang like a millstone on the necks of this and future generations; and internal debts which absorb a high

percentage of the national revenue. It is calculated that Great Britain, which is groaning under a mounting load of taxation, is paying 55 per cent. of its budget on behalf of past wars, and another 15 per cent. in preparation for possible future wars. These latter may never come, and it is hoped, and indeed widely expected, that they will not come. But they are being paid for in advance just the same.

And the case of Great Britain is, of course, typical. In France, for example, a very small proportion is left for current domestic and constructive purposes after the overwhelming charge for past and future wars is met. Besides, though the seven leading powers are included in this list, examination would show that the multitude of smaller nations are paying on a proportionate scale the same staggering tribute to Moloch. Is it not time, in a world which is presumably willing to be governed by reason, that this levy, sometimes as high as three-quarters of the national revenue, for wars past, present—and feared—should be reduced? To ask the question is surely to answer it.

Developing Internationalists.

The Secretariat of the League of Nations, whose composition has again been under discussion by the impending resignation of Sir Eric Drummond, the Secretary General, should furnish the world with models of international men. It is true that all the chief offices have been allocated to various nations; but the contention, notably of Italy, that appointments to office in the League of Nations should be frankly nationalist, distorts the whole conception of the League. It does not matter that this post is held by an Englishman and that by a Frenchman, or a third by a German and a fourth by an Italian; but it does matter immensely that in office each should regard himself not as the nominee of a nation but rather as the servant of the League of Nations. From this standpoint the foreign ministers who go as delegates to Geneva are admittedly handicapped; in this is undoubtedly to be found one of the reasons for the League's weak handling of the problem of the Far East; they doubtless wish to forward the League, but by their office they must consider the particular views of their respective countries. The question may, indeed arise whether any man who has been brought up in national schools and has acquired national prejudices can ever become entirely independent of his early environment and teaching. The proposal has been made—and it is worth pondering—that the officials of the League of Nations eventually should be recruited not from this or that country, but from men who have been educated in an international centre, such as Geneva itself, which possesses a distinguished university; men who from their youth have resolved to devote themselves to supernational purposes, who have been trained to that end, who from the outset have been developed as international men. Until such an ideal can be made practical, however, the encouragement of the realisation that a League official, by definition represents no nation, but only the League of Nations, will help overcome extreme nationalistic tendencies. As such he must not be a partisan of any national policy. He must not be swayed by public feeling at home. In point of fact the atmosphere of Geneva, the contact with fellow officials, a certain habit of thought and practice, have already helped to develop a decided internationalism. It simply remains to carry on the present tendency to its logical conclusion.

PEAK LADY'S BAG SNATCHED.

YOUNG THIEF SENT TO PRISON.

Whilst walking up Battery Path in the company of her husband, Mrs. Aucott, of 368, The Peak, was the victim yesterday evening of a young bag snatcher who was subsequently arrested and this morning brought before Mr. Wynne Jones.

According to Mrs. Aucott, she was walking up Battery Path together with Mr. Aucott when the defendant snatched her handbag

DAY BY DAY

THE PASSIONS ARE DEFECTS OR EXCELLENCIES ONLY IN EXCESS.—Goethe.

H.E. the Governor, Sir William Peel is to distribute the prizes at King's College on Saturday, March 5, at 11 a.m.

Passengers arriving here from Manila by the s.s. President Cleveland to-day included Sir Philip Sassoon, Mr. Bell, and Mr. W. Butterfield.

Owing to the attendance of His Excellency the Governor at Harcourt's Circus to-morrow night (Saturday), the performance will commence at 9.30 p.m. instead of 9.15 p.m.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Star Ferry Co., Ltd., is advertised to be held at the office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, February 26, at 12.30 p.m.

Owing to Race Week, there will be no meeting of the Rotary Club on Tuesday. The next meeting will be held on March 1st, when Dr. S. F. Li will speak on "The Prevention of Tuberculosis."

In connexion with the fund for relief of distress in Shanghai, we are informed that the \$10,000 mentioned in our issue of yesterday as coming from Fukien merchants was in fact subscribed by Chuchow and Swatow merchants in Hongkong.

Mr. Foo Eng-keng, the eldest son of Mr. Foo Wha-cheng, of Ipoh, returned to Ipoh from Hongkong recently, after completing his studies at the Hongkong University. Mr. Foo Eng-keng obtained the degree of Bachelor of Engineering.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Penreath and Co.

London Terminals.

March 6/6½ up 1d.
May 6/8½ up ½d.
August 6/11½ up ½d.
December 7/3 up ½d.
Buyers at above prices, sellers asking ½d.-¾d more.

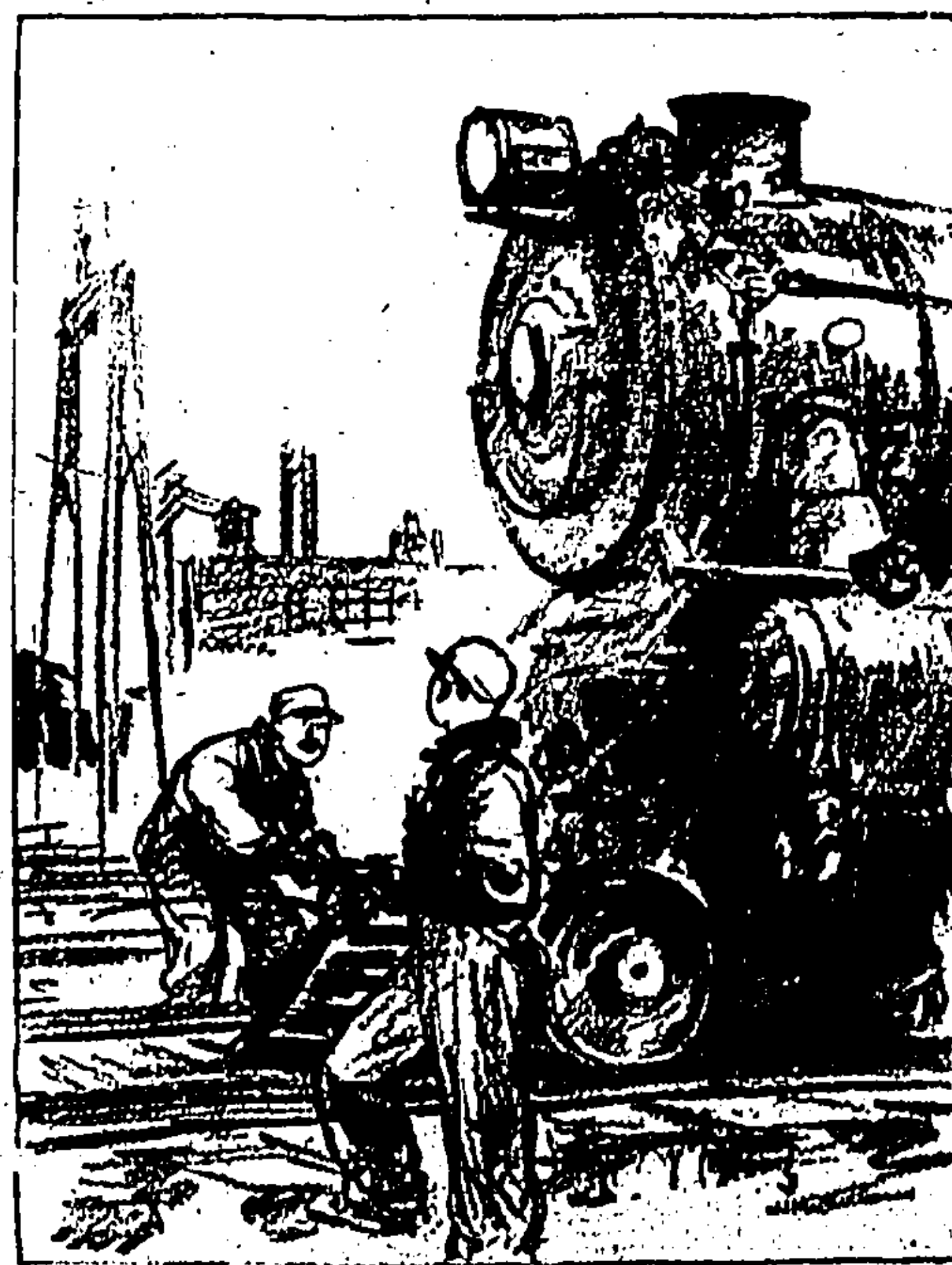
New York Terminals.

March—34 up 1 pt.
July 1.09 up 4 pts.
May 1.01 up 3 pts.
September 1.14 up 3 pts.
December 1.19 up 3 pts.

and ran up towards the Cathedral, with Mr. Aucott in pursuit. A military staff sergeant who was coming down the path caught the defendant and later handed him over to the police.

In reply to his Worship, defendant said that he was 16 years of age.

Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was imposed.



"Why don't you and the Missus drive over tonight for a game of bridge?"
"Be glad to, Frank. We'll be there at seven fifty-three and a half."

WHAT DO WE EXPECT OF 1932?

A Trade Boom

Says SIR WILLIAM MORRIS.

I HOPE in the next six or twelve months to see a great revival in all British industries that will put the old country back in the place in the sun where it ought to be. I am hoping, indeed, to see a trade boom—but whether my hopes are fulfilled and the country gets back to prosperous conditions depends upon the Government carrying out the grave duties and heavy responsibilities they have had put upon them.

And, first and foremost, we must have protection of our industries. The motor industry has hitherto prospered because it has been thus favoured. Now we must have protection for British steel and British lace and all other British industries, including agriculture.

When I hear of shiploads of goods produced abroad by sweated labour coming into this country to keep millions of men out of work, I feel so annoyed that I sometimes wonder whether I am one of the lunatics and all the rest of the people are sane.

The foreigners have had duties imposed on us for a long time back, but we have not had duties imposed on them. They must have considered us mad not to have retaliated.

A Triple Hope

By LORD APSLEY.

My first hope for 1932 is that the totally erroneous idea that Britain makes use of State-aided migration in order to dump her unemployed on the Dominions will entirely disappear; my second, that migration will increase because it has an effect on inter-empire trade, on which both we and they depend for the prosperity of our existing population; and my third, that there will be a decided improvement in trade and agriculture.

I believe, too, that towards the end of the New Year the unemployment question will begin to solve itself, not because of increased prosperity but because the drop in the birth-rate which has shown itself from 1915 onwards will begin to exercise a marked effect on the labour market. If prosperity increases, indeed, there may even be a shortage of workers.

The introduction of a penny post and reduced freights and passenger fares within the Empire would also be a forward step. A common Empire currency is to be hoped for, but, I fear, will not be seen in 1932.

The End of "Dismal Jimmies"

Says SIR WILLIAM CRAWFORD

The closing months of 1931 have ended with an outlook of brighter industrial conditions for Britain. It is my hope that these conditions will continue and be bettered, and that we shall have done with brooding over depression.

It would be wise to remember that news travels faster to-day than it did a century ago, and is consequently magnified. National hardships in the past often passed unheeded over the head of the man in the street, instead of causing the panic that they tend to do to-day. We should bear this in mind and anticipate the good time that is surely coming.

We have before us the unlimited possibilities of an Empire which covers a quarter of the world, including a great part of the richest and least developed lands. With these possibilities wisely developed we cannot do other than march forward to prosperity.

But we must not stand and wait and talk. We must think and act—now!

We Shall Become "Air-Minded"

Says SIR ALAN COBHAM.

I believe that 1932 is going to be a year when we shall take great jumps forward. Things move in jerks, as I have noticed, and in this coming leap year we are going to leap very much indeed. Trade depression will lift, and progress will be most marked in every field.

In particular, I can confidently predict that there will be a great boom in aviation. We shall become "air-minded." People will realise that we are in the dangerous stage in civil flying years ago, and that it is now as safe to travel by air as it is to go by land; and perhaps safer. The hire of air taxis will become more common, and we shall see an aerodrome attached to every town, and probably a landing ground close to every village.

But first we have got to educate Local Authorities up to the new movement. They have got to realise that investment in an aerodrome or a landing ground is wise, since it is more than an investment in mere land; it is also bringing traffic to their town. They must learn this, and abandon their dusty ideas. I am working as hard as I can towards this end, and 1932, I think, will see my hopes fulfilled.

Revolt Against

Armaments

Says LT.-COM. KENWORTHY.

My main hope for 1932 lies in the revolt of the common people—farmers, artisans, doctors, shopkeepers, and so on—against the intolerable burden of armaments. I hope that this will happen in all countries, for all countries are suffering. France, in this matter, is no better off than we are, for with falling trade she is suffering from rising taxation and rising unemployment, both due directly or indirectly to militarism.

And in this country fifteen shillings out of every pound of taxation goes towards armaments or the strengthening of military resources.

The present expenditure on preparations for hypothetical war cannot possibly continue unless we have all taken leave of our senses. I am hoping that in the near future there will be such an uprising of popular opinion against war that the militarists and their colleagues, the armament makers, will be brushed aside. The League of Nations can help in this, but only if Russia and America decide to join the forthcoming World Conference in a helpful and constructive spirit.

In conclusion, trade in this country will improve if taxation is reduced (and the reduction of taxation depends to a large extent upon disarmament); if the tariff obstacles to trade all over the world are removed, or reduced; and if we come to a settlement in the matter of war debts and reparations; and the best way to do this would be to wash them all out.

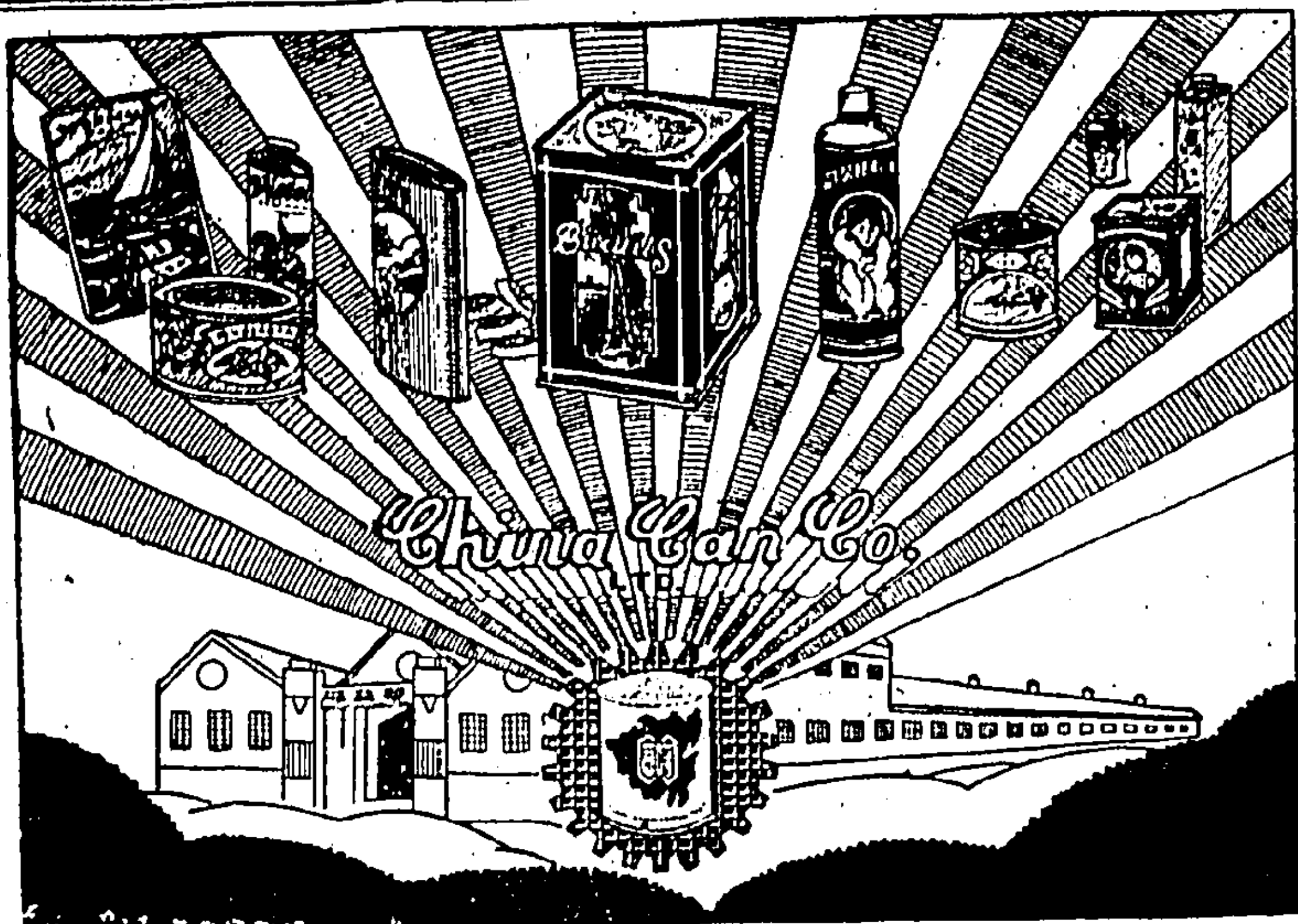
An all-round reduction of armaments would be a step forward. It is my main hope for 1932.

BAITING TEACHER.

A RECENT article in the *Evening Dispatch* dealt with some practical jokes which children of former days were wont to play on their elders, but what about that more risky pastime—baiting the much abused schoolmaster?

In my school-days certain bright members of the class seemed to spend most of their time in trying to invent various methods by which this desideratum might be accomplished. The one gentleman in particular against whom these tricks were directed

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GOLF CLUB MEETING.

NEW SCHEME FOR PAYMENT BY LADIES.

AS FROM APRIL 1.

Subscriptions for lady members of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club were again discussed by members, at a largely attended meeting last night, when a resolution, setting the subscription at not more than \$3 a month, was carried. The Committee's scheme, which will come into operation on April 1, provides for a fee of \$2 a month for all playing associates, and \$5 a year for those in the junior section.

In addressing the members, Mr. L. G. S. Dodwell (captain) said: At the annual meeting last December, the Chairman briefly referred to the matter of ladies' subscriptions, and a vote was taken at that meeting, which unanimously approved of the suggestion that the new committee should go closely into facts and details and draw up a scheme or proposition with a view to bringing it into effect.

Under the Articles of Association and powers vested in the General Committee, it would undoubtedly appear that the proposed measure could be adopted without reference to the members, but meeting that specific notice of this proposal was not given prior to that meeting, and as the Committee do not contemplate any action in opposition to the wishes of the majority of the members, it was decided to call this extraordinary general meeting.

Reasons for Action. Our late Chairman mentioned one or two reasons why ladies should now be called upon to subscribe and it would be as well to record these reasons, and others, as in themselves they answer many, if not all of the objections previously raised. It is not logical that something should be given for nothing.

It is even less logical when one section of the members are directly or indirectly subscribing for the benefit of others.

Once upon a time there was a cry to the effect that married men made the Club, and would not be fairly treated if they had to pay extra for Lady relatives.

Analysis of present day membership shows that out of just 1,000 members and subscribers, now present, 422 have registered lady relatives to a total of 447. Thus you will see that some 578 members and subscribers, or well over half are paying for the free golf and benefits of the ladies related or unrelated to them.

The membership has reached, if not passed, saturation point, and before restriction comes into force, (it cannot be long delayed) it hardly seems right that a male applicant for full membership, willing to pay the entrance and full subscription, could not do so when at the time we have a considerable number of lady members using the Clubs and courses entirely free.

Ladies in Favour. The Ladies Committee definitely favour the proposal. At the moment probably less than half of the lady players subscribe voluntarily to the Ladies' Section Special Fund, and part of that money is devoted to certain benefits, open to the ladies who do not subscribe.

Although the Club is doing well, we have to adopt a progressive policy and this is impossible without funds. At the moment we have not got any surplus funds and the overdraft stands at about \$25,000, therefore if we are to wait until funds are available, all progress or expansion must stop for some years.

It is difficult to form a close estimate of the revenue on the basis now proposed but as far as we can judge it will bring in between \$8,000 and \$9,000 annually and after allowing for a grant to the Ladies Committee, cost of collection, etc., about \$7,000 should be available for development.

It has already been suggested that we proceed with the improvements to the existing Ladies Club House, these taking the form of a new storey with bedrooms and a lounge, and extending the existing ground floor veranda to form a decent light airy space for meals, and offering a much better view of Course.

Whereas I am not in a position to give a definite promise as regards the utilization of funds, it is obvious that we shall be in a better position to proceed with this work and general progress, if the proposed resolution is approved.

If Ladies subscribe, or become non-playing members, all will have to be registered and this will assist in the general control of the Club.

Scheme Drawn Up. Coming now to the details of the subscription, I would advise you that a Sub-Committee of the General Committee was appointed to go into facts and figures. Their findings were later discussed and a few alterations or amendments made by the General Committee and the following scheme is now proposed. If approved it will be brought into force on April 1.

The fees are—\$2 a month for all (registered) playing Associates—except for Junior Section who will pay \$5 a year.

Non-playing Associates.—Lady relatives (i.e. wives, daughters, sisters and mothers of Members and Subscribers) no charge; Unattached \$5 a year.

The Lady relatives of Life Members and Honorary Members to be exempt from Subscriptions.

Only one change of status from playing to non-playing and vice versa admissible under ordinary circumstances.

Subscriptions to start from April 1. All voluntary contributions paid for current year to Ladies Section to be credited to individuals as subscriptions paid to the Club on April 1.

GOOD FORM SHOWN BY HACHIMA.

S. E. GREEN BEATEN IN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Producing one of the most entertaining matches to date in the open singles tennis championship, the second round encounter between Y. Hachima and S. E. Green yesterday was watched by a large crowd, who saw the youthful Japanese player eliminate the erstwhile champion in straight sets.

Green, still displaying a punishing backhand drive and a rather deadly short cross-court forehand shot, presented Hachima with a difficult proposition and the young man emerged with flying colours.

Making well-timed ground strokes with excellent precision and a nice swing on either hand, he succeeded in sustaining the rallies and often came up for a short one to drive into the corners for an ace. He was, quite naturally, faster than Green, and he used this advantage to the full. Hachima has quite a little way to go before he can regard his game as adequately developed, but there is no doubting the possibilities contained in his display yesterday.

A. L. Sullivan, M. W. Lo, W. C. Hung and D. B. Evan all advanced to the third round, none being exceptionally extended in their matches.

The results in detail were:

Open Singles.
(Second Round).

D. B. Evans beat W. Woo 1-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Chiu Chun-chiu beat Wong Kam-fuk 6-1, 6-2.

A. L. Sullivan beat G. A. White 6-0, 6-0.

M. W. Lo beat Firdos Khan 6-1, 6-1.

Y. Hachima beat S. E. Green 6-2, 6-3.

H. Y. Ho beat A. H. Rumjahn 6-2, 7-5.

W. C. Hung beat F. A. Redmond 4-6, 6-1, 6-3.

Y. V. Segalen and Lu Tak-lam, left unfinished with the scores of 2-6, 9-7.

To-day's Programme.

No. 1 Court:—Sze-to Pick v R. R. Hamby.

No. 2:—Luk Ding-cheung v Feroz Ali.

No. 3:—H. Owen Hughes v Sal Wal-ling.

No. 4:—F. A. Redmond v W. C. Hung.

No. 5:—T. Honda v G. C. Burnett.

No. 6:—H. Luking v R. R. Todd.

No. 7:—Ng Sze-cheung v M. H. F. Waring.

No. 8:—R. Gremillet v T. Akiyama.

No. 9:—Ho Ka-lau v E. Zimmerman.

Maximum subscription for any one family as regards lady relatives to be \$5 monthly.

The Club to make the Ladies' Section a grant (estimated not to exceed \$600 annually) to cover various expenses.

Ladies with male relatives in the Colony to be eligible as an associate, unless such male relative is at least a non-playing member or subscriber, or belongs to the Junior Section.

Lady visitors to the Colony will pay green fees at rates to be fixed by the General Committee.

The question of absent fees for ladies will also receive consideration.

Chief Objection Removed. It will be observed that we have made provision for a man resident to join as a non-playing member at a reduced subscription, yet enabling his lady relatives, who subscribe, to use the Courses and Club Houses.

This removes one of the former chief objections.

Provision is also made for the member with several playing lady relatives, the maximum subscription for such relatives being \$5 a month.

It may be argued that some distinction in the way of a different subscription should be made for lady relatives, and unattached ladies, but I can assure you that this matter has been most carefully considered and the present all round sum of \$2 was approved (with only one dissenting vote) by the General Committee.

It is very easy to suggest this or that sum, but when you come to consider all the facts, the question of collecting, the different classes or categories, green fees, etc., you will find that it is not as simple as it appears at first sight.

I would finally draw attention to the proposed Resolution which is necessarily brief.

No Increase Intended. The reason for asking your sanction now to a maximum subscription of \$3 is to obviate the necessity for a further Extraordinary General Meeting, should it be found advisable at some future date to raise the subscription. I may say there is no such intention at the moment.

Mr. A. B. Stewart seconded the resolution which read:—That no ladies resident in Hongkong shall after March 31 be permitted to use the courses and premises of the Club except on payment of such subscription as the Committee may from time to time deem fit, but not exceeding \$3 per month in each case; such subscription to be paid in the case of relative of a member or subscriber as if it was an increase of his own subscription; and that the Committee be authorized to make, amend or repeal all such bye-laws as they may deem necessary or convenient for the above purposes with power to discriminate between different classes.

There was considerable discussion on the point whether there should be any discrimination between the fees paid by lady relatives of members and unattached ladies. A proposal that the committee be asked to consider a scheme of \$1 for lady relatives and \$2 for unattached ladies, moved by Mr. W. O. Clark, was lost.

JAPAN'S ULTIMATUM TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE.

PEACE PARLEY WHICH PROVED OF NO AVAIL.

Shanghai, Feb. 18, 9.24 p.m.

To-day's meeting between Chinese and Japanese delegates has broken up, ending in a deadlock. The Japanese delegate, Major General Tashiro, who is Chief of Staff to Lieutenant General Uyeda, made the following demands, namely:

Permanent dismantling of the Woosung and Paoshan forts; and permanent withdrawal of all Chinese troops twenty kilometres from both sides of the Whangpoo River, and twenty kilometres from the mouth of the Whangpoo River.

The Chinese delegate, General Fan, the Chief of Staff of the Nineteenth Route Army, said he was totally unable to accept these terms. Chinese officials state, "The Japanese conditions are intolerable, and absolutely unacceptable."

Thus to-day's forlorn hope of averting major hostilities around the Settlement is vanishing and it is now reliably understood that before nine o'clock to-night the Japanese demands will have been presented in the form of an ultimatum, giving a twenty-four hours time limit for the Chinese withdrawal, before launching the big offensive.—*Reuter*

Ultimatum Delivered.

Shanghai, Feb. 18, 10.58 p.m. At 8.45 p.m. a communication, presumed to be the Japanese ultimatum, was carried by the Japanese Vice Consul and a Staff Major and presented at the office of Major Wu Tehchen, addressed to General Tashiro, commander of the Nineteenth Route Army.—*Reuter*

Six Demands.

General Uyeda's ultimatum is as follows:—Firstly, the Nineteenth Route Army shall cease all hostilities and complete its withdrawal twenty kilometres from the Settlement borders by sundown on Saturday.

Secondly, if the Chinese troops withdraw, the Japanese troops will not advance from the areas adjacent to Hongkong, nor open fire, nor bombard or pursue the Chinese.

Thirdly, all Anti-Japanese activities shall cease.

Fourth, a committee of investigation shall be despatched to ascertain whether or not the withdrawal has been completed.

Fifth, the safety of Japanese lives and property must be assured and all "plain clothes" activities shall be curbed.

Sixth, the Japanese reserve the liberty to act if the above-mentioned demands are not accepted.—*Reuter*

Firing Continues.

Shanghai, Feb. 18, 5.32 p.m. While the peace parley is in progress both sides have moved up reinforcements.

The quietness was disturbed at 3.10 p.m. when a dozen shells were fired by Japanese guns stationed near the rifle range at Hongkong, in the direction of Chenju.

At 4 p.m. six Japanese planes, including four bombers, flew over the Tien Tong An railway station and emptied their machine guns on the vicinity. They then proceeded to fly over the Markham Road area.

Japanese troops, trailed by pack horses carrying mountain guns and field campaign supplies, continued to move towards Kiangwan from Woosung along the military road throughout the morning.

There was desultory Chinese firing at Kiangwan.—*Our Own Correspondent*

China's Resistance.

Nanking, Feb. 18. A traveller who has just arrived from Loyang declares that he saw a network of trench systems extending northward from Pukow to Haichowfu and from Haichowfu westward to Loyang.

Everything, he said, indicated that the military leaders were working in co-operation, and were determined to resist any possible Japanese advance, not only at Shanghai but all over China.—*Reuter*

Railways Defended.

Nanking, Feb. 18. That China is determined to resist every inch of the Japanese advance everywhere in China is indicated by the fact that a network of trench systems is being constructed all along the Tientsin-Pukow and Lunghai railways, for a thousand miles; while the Chinese leaders show a very firm determination grimly to resist the Japanese advance wherever it may be forthcoming.—*Reuter*

Canadian Airmen.

Ottawa, Feb. 18. Eighty members of the Royal Canadian Air Force who have come under the economy axe, have conferred with the Chinese Consul General, offering their services to the Chinese Air Force.—*Reuter's American Service*

Marshall Feng Ill.

Nanking, Feb. 18. Feng Yu-hsiang is seriously ill with diphtheria at Haichowfu. His temperature last night was 106 degrees.

Close associates declare that his extraordinarily powerful constitution and will power are helping him to bear up. He is confident he will pull through; so much so that he intends proceeding to Puchang, the first station northward of Pukow, in order to confer with Chiang Kai-shek, Wang Ching-wei and Li Chai-sum.—*Reuter*

Japan's Reaction.

Tokyo, Feb. 18. Like the vernacular papers, the official reaction to the League's appeal appears to be resentment at its being directed solely to Japan, as this is interpreted as prejudging Japan as in the wrong.

The course to be followed has not yet been decided, but as the whole procedure is considered highly irregular, it seems probable that no reply will be sent, but instead a statement will be issued clarifying the Japanese stand.—*Reuter*

British Feeling.

London, Feb. 18. Amid the divided counsels there is at least emerging at least a big nucleus of agreement that the events in Shanghai will not much longer be allowed to drift.

Sir John Simon, whose hand is detected by many in the League Note, earns widespread approval for his "opportune," "sensible," and "cool" action, the product of an incisive legal mind narrowing the latitude for evasion prior to the formulation of concrete remedies. Some trepidation is naturally betrayed lest the summoning of the Assembly will have the effect of enthroning the Powers (by virtue of their numbers) who are without specialised knowledge or interests in the Far East, producing rhetorical fireworks amongst which the realities would be obscured.

There is an undisguised hope that Nanking will solve the problem by a disposition to treat before the present lull has been transformed into renewed hostilities. The boycotts from which Britain has suffered in the past are recalled by the opponents of British embolment, like the *Morning Post* and *Daily Mail*.

Chorus Grows Stronger. On the contrary, the chorus of demands for a "strong hand" is clearly growing in volume, an indication of veering sympathies by some previous friends of Japan, particularly since the using of the International Settlement as a base of operations.

The Times is among those, and writes that Japan is entitled to expect more satisfaction than China has been prepared to give, but public opinion regretted that Japan did not take the League into her confidence, and alienated sympathies by methods of terrorism.

"Japan, especially the military party, is mistaken if she imagines that the comparative moderation of the protests hitherto made represents the last word of the League and the Powers with definite and palpable interests in China."

The case for immediate action is pithily put in a letter to the Times, the signatories being Lord Cecil, Sir James Salter, Sir Charles Adde, Sir Arthur Haworth, Professor A. D. Lindsay and Professor Gilbert Murray, contending that submission to the "military dictatorship" by Japan in the Far East will have disastrous repercussions in India and elsewhere in the Empire, and urging Britain to secure American co-operation with the League and exert diplomatic and economic pressure to compel Japan to respect the collective system of sanctity of treaties.

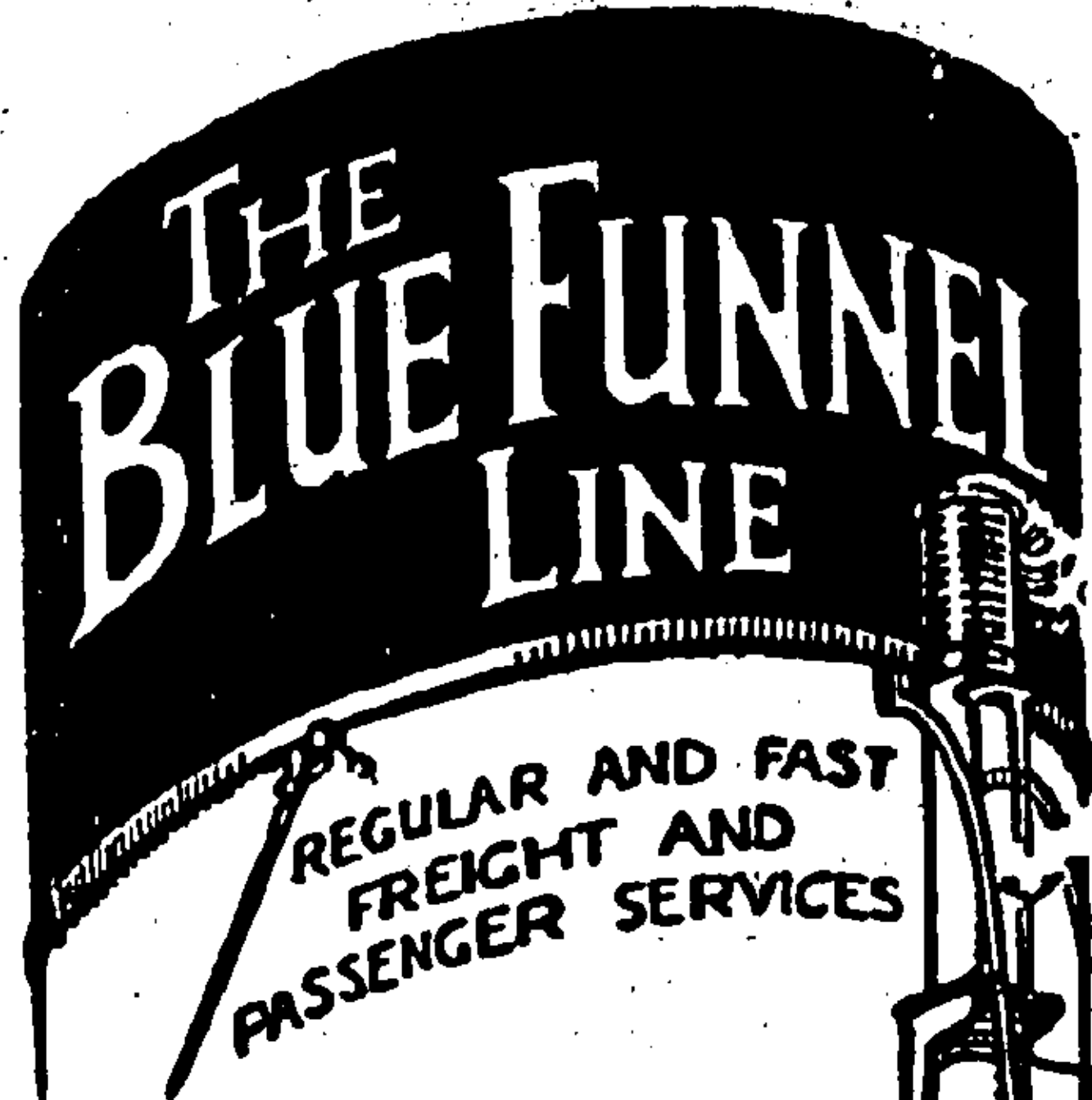
The Daily Herald's Geneva correspondent says the impression is growing that Japan plans to do some kind of deal over Shanghai, if she can thereby get away with it in Manchuria.

The Daily Telegraph emphasizes that apparently America is not associating herself directly with the League's Note, but is carefully confining her representations to the protection of the interests of her own nationals.—*Reuter*

U.S. Perturbed.

New York, Feb. 18. The State Department is disturbed, according to the *New York Times*, by an unofficial report that the Japanese reply to the League's appeal will maintain the Japanese position as being unchanged, Japan refusing to undertake not to occupy Chinese soil indefinitely, nor to seek monopolistic privileges, provided the Chinese quit Shanghai.

Officials construe the reply as an intimation that the Japanese hold Chinese indefinitely, and will secure other privileges in China.—*Reuter's American Service*



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After more than 40 years in Hongkong, Captain B. Branch, Official Measurer, and one of the best known figures in the Colony, is due for retirement, and is to leave on March 4. Captain and Mrs. Branch will make their future home in Auckland, New Zealand.

Captain Branch, who has been Official Measurer since the office here was inaugurated 23 years ago, is held in high esteem by his staff, and an indication of this was given yesterday when they gathered to bid him farewell and present him with some souvenirs of his sojourn in Hongkong.

Mr. Yip Kwai-wa, senior member of the Chinese staff, who was with Captain Branch when the office was formed, in making the presentations, said Captain Branch was more than a friend to them. He had been appointed when the staff consisted of approximately 20 men, and by his ability and diligence the office had grown to a size that necessitated a European officer and worked single-handedly supervising measuring both ashore and afloat. Captain Branch, he said, was beloved by all for his sincerity, courtesy and kindness of heart. Those who had served under him would lose a kind leader and a valuable friend. He, on behalf of the staff, wished Captain Branch all joy and happiness.

Captain Branch is one of the old school of seafaring men, having learned the business "anilla" when in 1876, as a boy of 14, he sailed round the Horn. In his early years he made the acquaintance of most parts of the world, and as all seamen have, has an illimitable repertoire of anecdotes and adventures to tell of every part in the atlas.

The "Old Days."

His introduction to Hongkong was so long ago that Captain Branch admits he cannot remember the exact date. It was, however, in the days when the Blue Funnel steamer plied round the China Coast, when Queen's Road was the waterfront of Hongkong and when executions were practically a daily occurrence in old Kowloon City. Captain Branch well remembers the occasion when the 21 pirates of the Namoo were decapitated within the old city.

Captain Branch came to Hongkong more than 44 years ago, he thinks, and has not visited England during that period. One of his home leaves was spent prospecting gold in Borneo and another in trying to locate coal deposits. His first ships in China Coast waters were the old Memnon and Ducation, trading to Borneo with timber. For a time he sailed under the American flag soon after the occupation of the Philippines, and was master of the ill-fated Hankow. For many years he was on ships trading to Canton and the West River. He has had the usual run of adventures that the China Coast mariner is liable to meet, with the exception of pirates. Never once have pirates boarded his ship.

His deep-sea-faring days ended in 1909, when the China Home-ward Freight conference established the measuring system for cargoes and appointed him the first official. The measuring was then confined to the Home-ward and New York Conference and for the beginning he had a staff of five, but the business of the office has increased with the traffic through the port, and now he has the assistance of Mr. H. Nish and Mr. H. A. Kekwick, in addition to nearly 100 Chinese. He has had strikes and boycotts to survive in his capacity as measurer, and well remembers the days of 1925 when he and Mr. Nish had to do the best they could with the cargoes to be measured.

The staff yesterday presented Captain Branch with a group photograph, a handsome Chinese standard lamp, together with a set of tea-pots for Mrs. Branch. Capt. and Mrs. Branch leave for Sydney on the Tandu on March 4.

DISARMAMENT.

THE GERMAN SCHEME OUTLINED.

Geneva, Feb. 18.
 A large measure of agreement with the suggestions already submitted is shown in the German disarmament proposals, which Herr Rudolf Nadowy presented to the full conference this morning.

The abandonment of conscription, abolition of submarines, aircraft carriers, tanks and chemical and bacteriological warfare are urged; also the prohibition of forts near frontiers, prohibition of heavy artillery outside fortresses, and limitation of the calibre of fortress guns and mortars. The naval proposals are a maximum of ten thousand tons for

SHANGHAI RELIEF.

TUNG ON STEAMSHIP CO'S BIG DONATION.

Further contributions have been made by leading Chinese shipping companies, Nam Pak Hong firms, restaurants in West Point and wealthy Chinese residents to the Tung Wah Hospital's fund for the relief of distress in Shanghai.

The most substantial donation is one from the Tung On Steamship Company, of which Mr. Woo Hay-tong, the well-known local Chinese shipowner is the Managing Director.

The Tung On Steamship Company has decided to allocate the whole of the passenger earnings of the steamers, "Paul Beau" and "Charles Hardouin" from Canton to Hongkong, for the period of two weeks, to the Fong Bin Hospital in Canton for the purpose of caring for the thousands of refugees who are on their way to Canton from Shanghai.

The Fong Bin Hospital is the leading Chinese charitable organisation in Kwantung and undertakes work similar to that done by the Tung Wah Hospital in Hongkong. The Fong Bin Hospital has been advised by Shanghai to make preparations to receive thousands of refugees from the North.

Another \$20,000 Collected.

On Wednesday the third day of their visits to the leading Chinese firms seeking donations, the directors of the Tung Wah Hospital, under the leadership of Mr. Chan Lim-pak, have succeeded in collecting \$20,000. The Directors of the Tung Wah Hospital will continue their campaign for funds.

The Man Yuen Restaurant in West Point allocated the entire earnings of yesterday to the Tung Wah Hospital fund. The Lok Tao Restaurant and other restaurants in West Point have all promised part of their earnings during the coming two weeks for the relief fund. The hundreds of employees working in the Man Kwok Restaurant will donate their February wages. The same restaurant will also contribute 10 per cent. of its earnings for the coming month to the Shanghai distress.

Among the latest contributions received by the Tung Wah Hospital are \$3,000 each from the Sincere Company, Nam Hoi Commercial Association, and Kan Wang Ip Tong. The Bank of East Asia and The Sun Company have each donated \$2,000.

British Line Helps Refugees.

Since the commencement of the disturbances numerous wealthy Cantonese families have arrived in Hongkong but the poorer residents with their wives and children have been stranded. Most of them desire to return to Canton but not all of them can afford to make the journey. With a view to helping these unfortunate, Messrs. Butterfield & Swire Ltd. have reduced the steerage rate on some of the company's steamers on the Shanghai-Hongkong run and is working in co-operation with the Cantonese Club, the Kwong Shu Kung Sor, in Shanghai in handling the refugees returning to the South.

The first B. & S. boat from Shanghai, the s.s. Kiangchow, will leave to-day with a batch of refugees many of whom are on their way to Kwantung and Kwangsi. The line is only charging the refugees \$5 for the whole trip including their three meals a day which, it is understood, will mean a loss to the Company.

AN ARMED ROBBERY.

MASTER OF A RICE-SHOP VICTIMIZED.

A daring armed robbery was carried out in a rice merchant's shop in Reclamation Street, Kowloon, last evening, when two men held up the master, and after gagging and binding him made off with \$20 in money.

According to a report made by Lai Sheung, master of the Sheng Tai rice shop of 602, Reclamation Street, about 7 p.m. yesterday two men entered by the front door and one of them asked him if he wanted to buy some scissors. Suddenly the other man seized him by the neck, at the same time whipping out a dagger. They took him to the kitchen, and after having gagged him, tied him to a water tub. They were in the shop for about five minutes, and then left, taking with them \$20 in ten cent pieces.

Having managed to release himself, which was before the robbers left the shop, the man raised an alarm, but the two intruders made an effective escape.

capital ships, and limitation of cruisers and destroyers. A limitation of expenditure and system of controlling armaments equally applicable to all the Powers is advocated.—Reuter.

DOMESTIC LIFE DISCORD.

INDIAN COUPLE AIR TROUBLES IN COURT.

Hearing of a summons by Mrs. Mariam Farid, against her husband Mahomed Farid, for alleged cruelty and wilful neglect to provide maintenance, was continued before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy, yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Hajira Hoffman, a friend of the family, stated that she had known Mrs. Farid since girlhood. Knowing of their troubles, she had offered her good offices as a mediator to the defendant on meeting him one day in Hennessey Road. The conversation turned to getting Mrs. Farid to return to the house, but, alleged witness, the husband's attitude was, unpromising. "If she returns, I will treat her ten times worse than before," he had replied.

Before her marriage, witness continued, Mrs. Farid appeared to her to be always happy and smiling, but after the event she appeared worried and unhappy, and even went on the occasions that witness went to the house to see her.

In cross-examination by Mr. E. S.C. Brooks on behalf of the defendant, witness stated that Mrs. Farid had grown considerably thinner since her marriage, being now less than half the plump person that she used to be before her marriage.

Mr. Brooks: Did Mrs. Farid make any complaint to you about her clothes?—None.

Sound of Blows.

Mrs. Madar, who, on one occasion, lived with the Farids, corroborated the testimony given by the complainant of an incident at the house on the day Mrs. Farid returned to her mother. Witness remarked that as she was leaving the kitchen she heard the sounds of blows being struck and on reaching the front room pleaded with the defendant to leave his wife alone. Witness held his hands to prevent him from hitting the complainant, who had a red mark on the side of her face.

Witness also mentioned that Mrs. Farid never had her meals with the household but had to wait until everybody had finished.

Mr. Brooks during the course of his cross examination asked witness if she would describe the defendant as a cruel man.

Witness replied that he did not always speak to the complainant quietly or gently and even shouted at her.

Mr. Brooks: Would you say he was of a mild disposition?—Not towards his wife.

Referring to the defendant's mother, Mr. G.K. Hall Bruton in re-examination on behalf of the complainant, asked witness if she would describe the mother-in-law as a stern woman.

Witness replied that she was very stern.

When Mrs. M. Bux, the complainant's mother, was called, Mr. Bruton asked what her daughter was like before she married the defendant.

The witness replied that she was perfect and, in reply to another question, explained that her daughter was always happy and not in the habit of going out much. Witness went on to give evidence of complaints made regarding her treatment by the defendant.

The hearing was adjourned until to-day.

MUSICAL EVENING.

YESTERDAY'S CONCERT AT HELENA MAY.

A most enjoyable concert programme was listened to by an appreciative audience at the Helena May Institute yesterday evening, the renditions by all the artists being both pleasing and sincere. The following was the programme, every item of which received appreciative applause:

- (a) Recit and Aria from "Rinaldo" (Handel) "Lascia Chio planga; (b) "Caro mio ben" (Giordani) ... Mrs. Lockhart.
- Songs:—"Linden Lea" and "Silent Noon" ... Mr. Bailey.
- Songs:—(a) "To my first love" and "You'd better ask me;" (b) "Blackbird Song" ... Mrs. Tetley.
- Shakespearean Songs:—(a) "Fear not the heat of the sun;" (b) "Under the Greenwood Tree." ... Mrs. Lockhart.
- Songs:—(a) "Bois Epais;" (b) To Anthia ... Mr. Bailey.
- Songs:—(a) The Pipes of Pan; (b) The Little Irish Girl (Lohr) ... Mrs. Tetley.
- Sonata in C minor for Violin and Piano (Grieg)—Three movements ... V. Deronovsky and A. M. Bowes-Smith.

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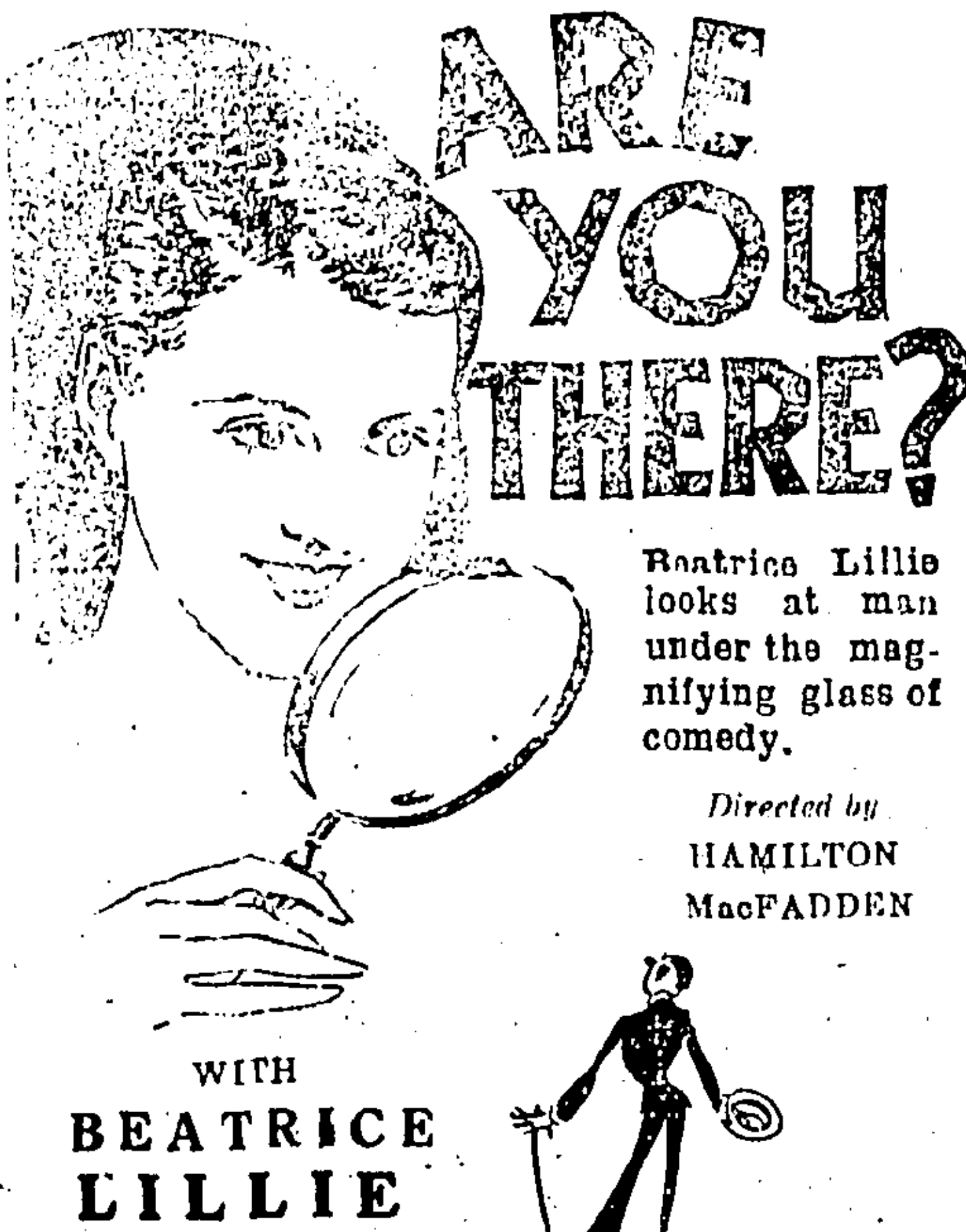
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THOSE ALWAYS OUT NO MORE THAN 103,000

That continuous unemployment in Great Britain is limited to a very small section of the insured population, numbering not more than 100,000 men and 3,000 women, is the conclusion of very careful investigations made by the Ministry of Labour.

The number of those in regular work who have known no unemployment is at least 30 times as large.

Between these two extremes there is a group of about 6,600,000 men and 1,700,000 women (insured) who are sometimes employed sometimes not. But for at least half this group unemployment is negligible, and only serious for about one-tenth of them.

These striking facts were obtained by the Ministry, for the Royal Commission on Unemployment, by taking a 1 per cent. sample of the total number of insured people, that is 120,000, of whom 86,740 were males, and the remainder females, and comparing them with similar investigations made five and more years ago. This method of testing, by the way, has been found perfectly trustworthy and the conclusions can be depended upon.

The contrast they present with the prevalent idea of 25 million unemployed in Great Britain living in a perpetual state of dependence on the country is an extraordinary one, and it deserves the widest attention.

At the close of last year the Ministry of Labour announced that a new method of unemployment returns would be issued monthly instead of weekly, thus making it possible to give a far more accurate idea of the actual state of the labour market.

Late in Coming.

The only pity is that this was not done years ago. The misleading nature of the returns was perfectly well known, the monthly issue has frequently been urged, but neither Party would adopt it for fear of being accused of making political capital. The result has been a most undesired "black eye" for Great Britain, and to do her much harm abroad.

Returning to the newly issued report, we find that:—

During the period of nine years from July, 1921, to June, 1930, over 30 per cent. of those in the sample had paid the maximum possible number of contributions and 80 per cent. had paid two-thirds of the maximum.

In any one of those nine years nearly 60 per cent. had paid maximum contributions and 90 per cent. more than half the maximum.

The average number of contributions paid by the whole body of insured persons has been 44 a year among males and 46 among females; or over 80 per cent. and about 90 per cent. respectively of the maximum possible.

In other words it might roughly be said that the whole body of the insured had been eight weeks in the year out of employment, as regards men, and six as regards women.

Even if this was far too rough and ready a way of viewing the actual state of affairs, it might well be compared with the position of doctors, lawyers and business men, whose enforced days of idleness tot up to a good deal in a year.

But the report shows further that:—

A large proportion—35.4 per cent. of the males and 48.4 per cent. of the females—had not drawn unemployment benefit between November, 1920, and December, 1930. Those who have had little or no employment are necessarily within the transitional benefit class; but nevertheless appreciable numbers who secure a fair amount of employment.

Among those qualified for full standard benefit not more than 10 per cent. had been unemployed, on the average, for six months out of 12.

In the shorter of about 7 1/4 years, that is, from October 18, 1923, to December 30, 1930, more detailed particulars are given. The upshot of a very minute analysis is as follows:—

Including now only those who were insured throughout the 7 1/4 years, those who did not receive benefit and those who did—in other words, those always at work and those partly unemployed—the following figures are given to show the proportion of the period of unemployment:

None, 31.3 per cent. men and 30.1 per cent. women.

Less than 10 per cent. of the period, 71.2 per cent. men and 78.1 per cent. women.

Less than 20 per cent. of the period, 85.2 per cent. men and 93.3 per cent. women.

Less than 30 per cent. of the period, 92.1 per cent. men and 97.9 per cent. women.

The remaining 7.9 per cent. of the men and 3 per cent. of the women received benefit for between 30 per cent. and 90 per cent. of the period.

The upshot of the Ministry of Labour's inquiry gives great hopes of the possibility of bringing back the unemployment relief scheme to a self-supporting genuinely insuring basis.

Ease of the Work-shy.

Anticipations are published to-day of the recommendations which the Royal Commission is expected to make to the Government to this end.

One proposal will probably be to include various categories of workers not at present ranked among the contributors to the State system of unemployment insurance, such as railwaymen, the clerical class, and agricultural workers.

The great aim must be to make the system self-supporting and to stop borrowing from the Exchequer. From conversations I have had with various artisans always in regular work, they have no objection whatever to paying

LOST GEMS STILL GUARDED.

23 RECOVERED OUT OF 32 SHOWER FROM AIR.

As a result of an intensive search in the immediate vicinity of the spot at Sir Lowry's Pass where the South African air mail crashed with the loss of three lives on November 13, no fewer than 23 out of the parcel of 32 diamonds that were lost have been found.

The parcel of diamonds was sent from the Rand to Cape Town and was stated to be valued at £2,000, but the official estimate by the authorities in Cape Town, now, of the value of the stones, is only £300.

Up to last week only two diamonds had been found on the scene of the disaster, and one other some distance away, thus supporting the theory of the authorities that the diamonds became dislodged while the machine hurtled through the air, and were scattered over a wide area.

The police protection, especially at night, has been most successful in preventing persons prowling about the area in search of the diamonds, all of which are cut and therefore can easily be disposed of.

LONDON'S HISTORIC TOWER.

GOVERNOR OF WINDSOR CASTLE TAKES UP OFFICE.

The Earl of Athlone, the new Governor of Windsor Castle and Constable of the Round Tower, will not live in the Castle apartments, but will conduct all official business from an office in the Round Tower.

Before being appointed Governor-General of South Africa, Lord Athlone lived in the Henry Third Tower at the Castle. The Castle governor at one time always used the Round Tower as a residence, and he was invested with great powers and responsibilities. To his care and custody all State prisoners were entrusted and many persons of historical note were imprisoned there.

Among them were King John of France, David, King of Scotland, and the Earls of Lauderdale and Lindsay.

It was when James I. of Scotland was imprisoned in the Tower that he first saw Jane Beaufort walking in the garden at its foot. She afterwards became his Queen.

weekly contributions by which genuine workers may benefit from time to time. That is an equitable arrangement, since, if they go out of work, others will indirectly be paying for them. What they do object to, and very keenly, is the ease with which the work-shy have been able to live on the country.

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HOSTILITIES LIKELY BEFORE TIME-LIMIT.

Japan's Demands Almost Certain to be Ignored.



Some of China's best troops are employed in the Chapei fighting. These men are firing from a sand-bag barricade erected at an important road junction opposite the Japanese lines.

SEVEN A.M. AS THE VITAL HOUR.

DEFENCE ACTIVITY THE ONLY REPLY.

CHINESE STRONGLY ENTRENCHED.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

Shanghai, Feb. 19, 12.18 p.m.
IT IS FEARED THAT HOSTILITIES ON A BIG SCALE WILL COMMENCE BEFORE THE EXPIRY OF THE TIME-LIMIT. THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THAT THE CHINESE ARE DEFINITELY UNPREPARED TO ACCEPT ALL THE TERMS OF THE ULTIMATUM, AND SEVERE FIGHTING MAY BE EXPECTED ANY TIME AFTER SEVEN O'CLOCK TO-MORROW MORNING.

The terms of the ultimatum as translated by the Chinese, include, according to an announcement issued from Mr. Wu Tieh-chen's office, the cessation of Chinese hostile activities immediately, the completion of withdrawal to the twenty-kilometre line from Chapei and the banks of the Whangpoo, by five o'clock p.m. to-morrow, and in order to prove their sincerity, the Chinese troops must commence to withdraw by seven a.m.

The Chinese must still be responsible for the safety of Japanese lives and property in districts under their control and if Japanese lives and property are not protected, Japan reserves the right to take whatever action they consider necessary.

All anti-Japanese activities must cease. There must be no military movements or preparations in the area evacuated. Japanese aeroplanes will fly over to examine whether the withdrawal is being effectively carried out, and the Japanese will send an investigation commission, carrying Japanese flags, into the evacuated area to see the withdrawal properly performed.

In the event of the Chinese failure to comply with these terms, the responsibility for whatever action may follow rests upon the Chinese.

The only Chinese reply up to noon to-day had been intensive preparation to fight a defensive battle. Some of their defence systems are considered to be impregnable to infantry attack. Immense activity for battle is proceeding in the Chinese lines.

One of the chief developments has been the extension of the left flank of the Chinese defences, although according to authentic reports, a large number of men have been withdrawn from the Liuh Road to other points in the line.

STRONG DEFENCES.
Much stronger defences are in evidence along the Liuh Road, while the creeks and the other defensive positions in the Kiangwan area are said to be almost impenetrable to a frontal attack by infantry.

The Jessfield lines, beyond the St. John's University, have been strongly reinforced, and the same strengthening both of the character of the defences and of the numbers of men occupying them, has been noted along the length of the Paoshan Road. Strong barricades are up and barbed wire obstructions are thickly distributed in front of the line.

STRATEGIC MOVES.
Extensive lines of barbed wire and trenches along the Chien Road and the Szechow Creek indicate that the Chinese are on the alert against attack from all points. Their guns are being shifted from day to day, to prevent the



Japanese stretcher cases following heavy fighting in the Chapei sector are shown in the top picture. Lower photo shows Japanese hastily erecting sandbag barricades to defend a position from which they were later forced to withdraw by the overwhelming weight of a Chinese attack.

THREE-INCH SHELL HITS SAVOY HOTEL.

FOREIGN ASSISTANT MANAGER'S LUCKY ESCAPE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

Shanghai, Feb. 19, 12.18 p.m.
Mr. Jack Howard, the assistant manager of the Savoy Hotel had an extremely lucky escape from death last night.

The Broadway district, between the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank building and the Savoy Hotel suffered a bombardment between 11.30 p.m. and 12.15 a.m.

At least eight shells exploded in this district, some of them bursting over the roadway, tearing down the overhead electric wires and smashing hundreds of windows by the concussion.

BURSTS IN ROOM.
One of the shells hit the Savoy Hotel, penetrating and exploding in the room occupied by Mr. Jack Howard, the assistant manager. Mr. Howard must have had a premonition of danger. On hearing the shells exploding in Broadway, he put on his dressing gown and had barely closed the door of his room when the missile came through the opposite wall.

CAFE ALSO HIT.

Two shells hit Browning's Cafe, but the extent of the damage has not yet been ascertained. The shells were three-inch and it is not known whether they were Chinese or Japanese.

A squadron of aeroplanes flew over Woosung yesterday morning and dropped about a dozen bombs on the Chinese positions, while six machines were up to-day dropping bombs in the vicinity of Kiangwan.

PU YI'S RESTORATION.

Chief Executive in "Tachung."

BRITISH OPINION.

Tokyo, Feb. 19.
Although the name of the Chief Executive of the "new independent State" being formed in Manchuria and Mongolia, is still being withheld, Press despatches clearly hint that he will be the ex-Emperor, Pu Yi.

A message from Mukden states that Tsang Shi-yi, the Governor, has informally accepted the position of Prime Minister.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI'S FATE.

London, Feb. 19.
The Daily Telegraph, in a leading article on the Manchurian developments, expresses the opinion that the political independence of Manchuria will not preclude the supremacy of Japanese influence. The "Open Door" and the co-existence of all peoples will best recommend the new State to the benevolent recognition of the Powers.

As regards Shanghai, the Telegraph says that the military results of the forthcoming battle are easier to forecast than the political. The political results will depend upon the quite unforeseen damage which will be inflicted upon the International Settlement.—Reuter.

TSAI TING-KAI DEFIANT.

"I WILL NOT BOW TO JAPAN."

READY FOR THE BATTLE.

(Special to "Telegraph")

Shanghai, Feb. 19, 10.55 a.m.
General Uyeda's ultimatum to General Tsal Ting-kai, the youthful leader of the XIXth Route Army, is prominently featured in both the Chinese and foreign newspapers.

The China Press quotes General Tsal Ting-kai as having said, on its receipt: "I will not bow down to Japan, but will continue in the defence of my country."

Shanghai now waits anxiously for sundown to-morrow when, if the ultimatum is rejected, the Japanese will begin their projected offensive.

The Chinese forces are apparently anything but seriously perturbed by the superior equipment of the Japanese.

The headquarters of the Nineteenth Army have warned the public against contributing war funds to any other but bona fide collectors as several persons are known to be diverting the donations to their own pockets.—Reuter

THE JUNIOR GOLF CLUB RIFLED.

SHELL CRASHES INTO BUILDING.

HEAVY ARTILLERY EXCHANGES.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Feb. 19, 11.20 a.m.
No reply has been sent to the Japanese Ultimatum. It is believed that the Chinese authorities are engaged in drafting an answer and that it will consist in a firm refusal to comply.

Artillery fire was being exchanged all last night, though there was less activity this morning. Shells have been dropping into Hongkew, especially in the vicinity of the Wayside wharves, with a regularity which suggests that the Chinese gunners are deliberately directing their fire into this part of the Settlement with the purpose of interfering with Japanese preparations for their offensive campaign.

The Junior Golf Club premises were struck by a shell and the north wall and roof damaged. The premises were later entered by thieves, whisky and beer bottles being strewn all over the floor, cigars and cigarettes removed. Silver cups and trophies were left untouched.

The Japanese have now landed four three-inch naval guns with a range of ten thousand yards, which have been placed into position. (Continued on Page 8.)

LOCAL DERBY SENSATION.

TRENTBRIDGE SCRATCHED.

Mrs. Pearce's Trentbridge, the favourite for the Hongkong Derby, was scratched from all engagements to-day, causing a considerable sensation in local racing circles. No explanation was available at the time of going to press.

IRISH ELECTION RESULTS.

STALEMATE SEEMS PROBABLE.

London, Feb. 19.
A stalemate appears the likely result of the Irish Free State elections, though at the moment the Republicans are leading. Labour is losing seats to both the Government and the Republicans, but they hold the balance of power in the new Dail.

The state of the parties at 4 a.m. was:
Republicans 46.
Government 32.
Independents 10.
Labour 7.
There are 54 results at present outstanding.—Reuter.

BRITAIN HOLDS BACK.

House of Lords Debate.

London, Feb. 18.
The dangerous and delicate situation as a result of the Sino-Japanese conflict in and around Shanghai was debated in the House of Lords to-night.

Lord Ponsonby, the leader of the Labour Peers, expressed the opinion that the true facts were being concealed from the people of Japan, where the militarists were temporarily in control.

He believed, however, that there was still a great deal of right feeling in Japan, which might be appealed to and he hoped that no attempt would be made to bargain with the Japanese Government on the lines of allowing them a free hand in Manchuria in return for a relaxation of the Japanese stranglehold in Shanghai.

BRITISH LEAD URGED.

He thought that the British Government should take the lead in League Council in readiness to penalise any nation breaking its pledges.

Lord Hallahan, replying, said the situation in Shanghai was causing grave concern to the Government. He emphasised that the authorities of all foreign Powers in Shanghai were co-operating very cordially.

The British Government through (Continued on Page 12.)

BRITISH HINT TO COMBATANTS.

LOSS OF LIFE & PROPERTY.

RESPONSIBILITY

London, Feb. 18.
The acute interest with which the House of Commons is watching events in the Far East was shown again to-day when the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, gave members the latest information in his possession.

After referring with regret, to the two British naval ratings who were killed yesterday by shells which, from their direction, seemed almost certain to have been fired by Chinese guns, Sir John Simon said the British Minister had sent a Note to the Chinese Minister for Foreign Affairs, calling attention to the incidents and requesting that strict instructions be issued to the Chinese military authorities concerned, with a view to preventing any possible recurrence of such incidents.

Both Sides The Same.
He was also reminded that the British Government must, in this unfortunate conflict between China and Japan, hold each side responsible for any loss to British life and property that may be caused by their respective armed forces.

Referring to the meeting this morning between the Chinese and Japanese military authorities, which he mentioned had been largely brought about by Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister, in the hope that a cessation of hostilities might be arranged, Sir John Simon said the House would regret that the latest press messages indicated that an agreement had not been secured.

Mr. George Lansbury raised the possibility of withdrawing all British residents from Shanghai in the event of a continuation of hostilities.
Sir John Simon declared that the possibility was being very carefully considered, but he was unable to give any further answer. The practical difficulties of such a step must be examined on the spot.—Reuter and British Wireless.

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UNION CHURCH MEETING.

RETURN TO NORMAL CONDITION.

YEAR'S ACTIVITIES.

The annual general meeting of members of the Union Church, Kennedy Road, took place last evening in the Church Hall.

The proceedings began with a social, at which songs were rendered by Mr. E. Keown and recitations were given by Mr. C. C. Hickling. After an excellent supper provided by the Ladies Committee, the annual meeting was held.

Mr. A. T. Hamilton, Chairman of the Committee of Management, was elected to the chair. In moving the adoption of the report and accounts, the Chairman congratulated the Church on the ministry of the Rev. E. G. Powell and on its sound position in spite of a deficit in the accounts. This was due to the exceptionally heavy repairs to buildings, which had to be carried out in the past year but which were not likely to recur for many years to come.

Mr. P. D. Wilson seconded the adoption of the report and accounts, and this was unanimously carried.

New Officers.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Joint Hon. Treasurers:—Mr. N. M. Currie and Mr. S. S. Cook.

Hon. Secretary:—Mr. E. Hims- worth.

Committee of Management:—Messrs. J. Mitchell, C. Pryce and A. T. Hamilton, Dr. E. W. Kirk, Rev. E. G. Powell, and Messrs. A. T. Hamilton, C. C. Hickling, J. Mitchell, M. F. Key, J. Lacey, H. J. Lamb, P. D. Wilson, A. Stevenson, S. V. Boxer, Nicholls, W. Elliot.

Ladies' Committee:—Messrs. Mitchell, Pryce, Thompson, P. D. Wilson, Goodall, Nicholls, E. L. Phillips, Boxer, Nicks, Hickling, Robertson, A. R. H. Phillips, Hamilton, and Wilson.

The meeting approved of a proposal that the work of the New Territories Evangelisation Society be transferred to the Sixth District of the Canton Synod of the Church of Christ in China, it being understood that the Union Churches of Hongkong and Kowloon will form Auxiliary Societies for the support of the work and will be represented on the Committee organizing the work.

The Report, presented by Mr. E. Himsworth, Hon. Secretary on behalf of the Committee of Management, states:

Annual Report.

The Committee of Management has much pleasure in presenting to the Shareholders the report and balance sheet for the work of 1931.

The year 1931 has seen a return to normal and steady progress in the life of the Church. It is difficult to estimate the spiritual results of the work of any church but we are pleased to record well sustained and increasing congregations throughout the year, and this interest in the public worship augurs well for the future prosperity of the Church. It is very gratifying to be able to congratulate the Rev. E. G. Powell, on the success of his first full year of his ministry; a result that has only been achieved by a devoted and tireless service on his part and the tactful facing of the many problems which are the inevitable lot of a minister.

Finance.

A pleasing feature of this year's working account is an increase shown in the Sunday Collections of \$1,165.64. This, however, is offset by a serious deficit in the amount of subscriptions, and it is hoped that this lost ground will be regained during the coming year. In preparing a budget for the year a reasonable amount is set aside for repairs and renewals, but two

big items under this head have resulted in much heavier expenditure during 1931 than was anticipated. Retraining the Church Hall roof and the rebuilding of the entire lavatory accommodation absorbed \$3,725.67. These have contributed to an adverse balance for the year, amounting to \$2,141.99, but your committee believes that such extraordinary expenditure is unlikely to recur during the forthcoming year. The Church has naturally suffered from the trade depression experienced during the year but your committee is confident that the congregation will not allow the Church to become financially embarrassed.

The Services.

When the fleet was in port a naval parade was held on Sunday at 10.15 a.m. Throughout the year detachments from the South Wales Borderers have regularly attended the ordinary morning services. Service men were well represented at the evening services and at the Social hour which followed. We are indebted to the Ladies Committee for the work undertaken in supplying refreshments on these occasions and to Dr. Ride who made possible the broadcasting of the community singing.

Young Peoples' Society.

A series of bathing and tennis parties were held during the summer months, all of which were well attended and furnished enjoyable afternoons. In the course of the year a new feature was established in "Young Peoples' Sunday"—the morning service of the fourth Sunday in each month being devoted to the interests of young people. However, there still exists a real need for more cohesion among the young people of the church and for an effort to fill the gap which exists in the religious lives of so many after the conclusion of their Sunday School days.

The Choir.

Throughout the year the Choir has done good work in the morning and evening services. Our thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Phillips for entertaining the Choir at a most enjoyable social evening towards the end of the summer which brought members together and made a starting point for renewed activities in the winter. These efforts culminated in the Choir Festival on the last Sunday in the year when a special musical service was held and selections from the "Messiah" were rendered. The success of this Choral Service was proved by the exceptionally large and appreciative congregation and the enthusiasm with which outside helpers came to our assistance. We hope something similar can be arranged every year. The Committee is greatly indebted to our Organist and Choir-Master, Mr. Longyear, for his faithful and successful services.

The N.T. Evangelisation Society.

It is unfortunate that the accounts of the New Territories Evangelisation Society showed a deficit for the year. It is with the hope of interesting a larger number of people in and extending the work on the New Territories that a proposal will be made at the annual general meeting for the transfer of control of the Society to the Sixth District of the Church of Christ in China. It is further proposed that an auxiliary missionary society shall be formed by this church whose primary object will be to assist the New Territory body in maintaining the work on the New Territories. The results of the Society's work during the year have been extremely gratifying, a great deal of interest centring round the erection of a new chapel at Castle Peak. There have been constant appeals from districts where the organization has not yet reached and we should be falling in our duty if we denied the Christian message to those who desire to receive it.

The Sunday Schools.

Kennedy Road: An encouraging feature of Church life in 1931 was the increased activity shown in the Sunday Schools. Joint services were held in the Church on Sunday School Anniversary Sunday

and on Christmas gift Sunday. The number of Scholars at Kennedy Road is now 60 under the supervision of seven teachers and a hard working superintendent Mr. Nicks. The children had a most enjoyable afternoon picnic at Repulse Bay in October. During the year the Scholars contributed \$160 to the New Territories Evangelisation Society.

Quarry Bay.

The Sunday School at Quarry Bay meets at three o'clock on Sunday afternoons in Taikeo Club Hall. The attendance has been well maintained during 1931 and there are about 40 names on the roll. The children's weekly offerings provide education for one pupil in the Ying Wah Girls' School. The school is fortunate in having an enthusiastic band of teachers who do much good work among the scholars.

The Committee desires to express its deep appreciation of the work done by those who have helped in the Sunday Schools during the year.

Kowloon Union Church.

The Committee desires to congratulate the Kowloon Union Church on the completion of the new church and manse, also upon the new constitution which they have adopted. We rejoice with them in the settlement of the Rev. Dr. Allen as successor to the Rev. Horace Johnston. The enthusiasm displayed during the year and the large gathering to welcome the minister promise well for the future.

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Ladies' Committee and Guild.
The report of the Ladies Committee and Guild states:—At the first meeting the title of the Committee was changed to the Ladies Committee and Guild and later in the year the members of the work party sub-committee of the Women's Guild were co-opted.

Two jumble sales were held one in May the other in November, and proved very successful. As a result of the first the sum of \$400 was given to the Hongkong and New Territories Evangelisation Society. The second sale was in aid of home charities, but it was decided to defer remittance meanwhile, on account of the low rate of the dollar.

A bridge and mah-jong drive was held in October and proved a great success in every way. A feature of the meeting was a splendid display of work demonstrating the activities of the working party of the Guild. A social gathering for service men was held in March and was well attended.

Some of the members of the committee arranged afternoon parties at their own homes, as a result of which the social entertainment fund benefited considerably.

Other activities included the provision of flowers and other decorations for the church, and the undertaking of tea arrangements for the Sunday evening social hour.



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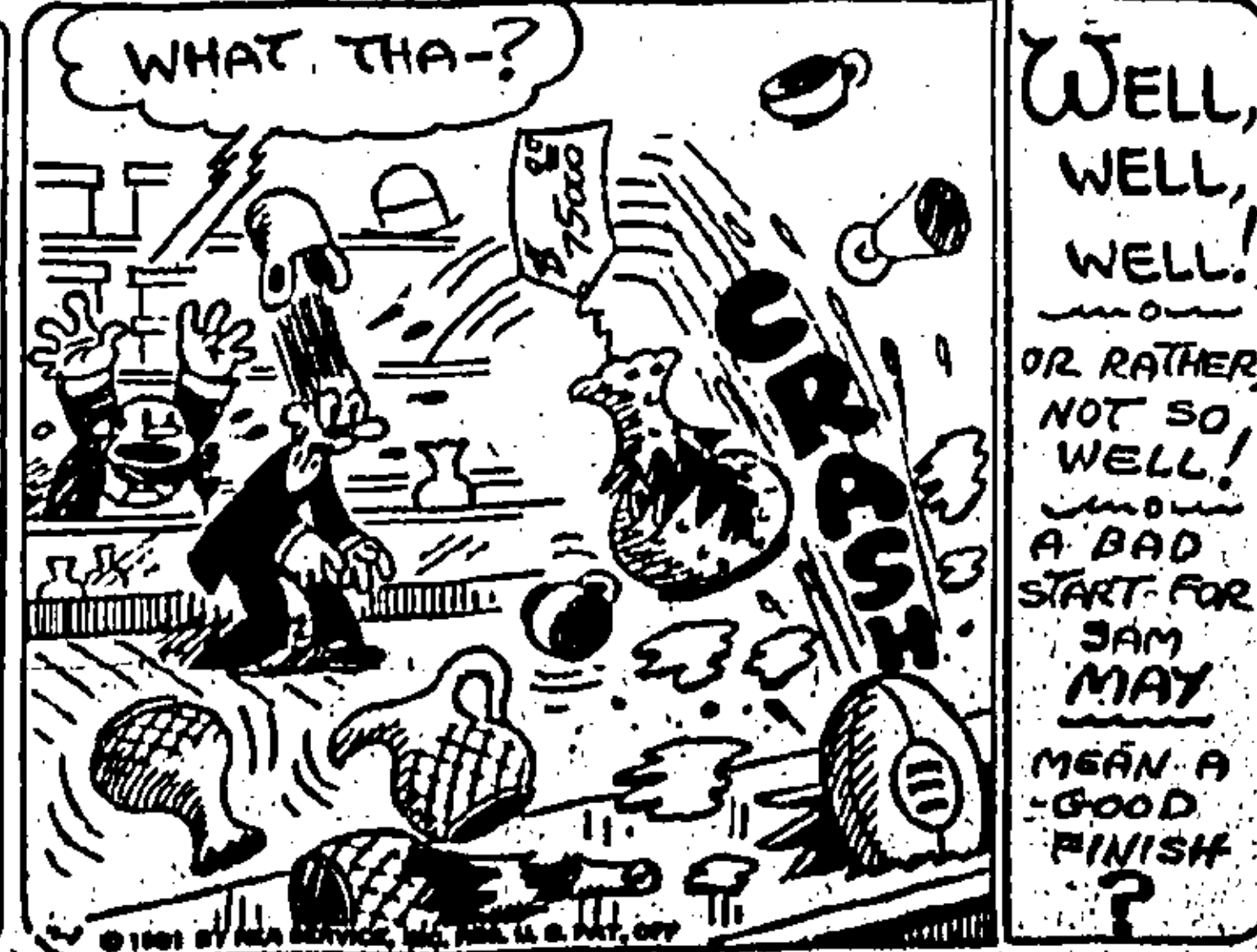
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THREE KINDS OF LOVE

by KAY CLEAVER STRAHAN

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Ermintrude, plumper and less favoured with positive prettiness than was Mary-Frances, and hence her satellite, received the acquaintance at least indifferently. Since nine o'clock the previous evening, omitting only the few grudging hours given to sleep towards dawn, and the stupid interval spent in the high-school classrooms, Mary-Frances had talked unceasingly of her approaching romance. That she herself was slightly bored with the affair Ermintrude would not have admitted. That she was fearful of proceeding further into it Ermintrude had been admitting repeatedly and more and more urgently for 18 hours.

CHAPTER IX

"Yes," said Mary-Frances, "that is the trouble with you, Ermintrude. What is?" asked Ermintrude. "That you're like my sisters, Ann and Cecily, I told you. They think any old thing like their jobs, or keeping that old house of ours for Grand and Rosalie, or my education, even, is more important than love." "Everybody says," contributed Ermintrude, "that your sisters are awfully good girls." "Well," said Mary-Frances, as if the discussion had been one of racial characteristics and Ermintrude had remarked that Ann and Cecily were white, "of course they're good. Why shouldn't they be good?" "Anyway," said Ermintrude, "I don't think you'd better," Mary-Frances, I don't honestly. This tendency on the part of her friend for taking long backward conversational leaps instead

of advancing in order had ever been, for Mary-Frances, a trying tendency. At the moment, it was more exasperating than usual, because Ermintrude knew, since she had been thoroughly informed, that Mary-Frances's whole life's happiness depended upon successfully carrying through this coming venture, "Ermintrude Hill," said Mary-Frances, "sometimes you make me just sick and disgusted." "Last night," Mary-Frances conceded, "you were all right. You understood about ideals, and the importance of love and everything. I don't know what's got into you today. I guess you just don't care about my life's happiness being fulfilled nor anything."

"I do too," said Ermintrude. "But just the same I don't think you should go and pick up strange men on the street."

"That's nice, isn't it?" reproved Mary-Frances bitterly. "And it was you your own self, over the phone last night, that said all about soul crying to soul and everything."

"Well," Ermintrude gloomily admitted, "maybe I did. But just the same, if Mother and Daddy should find out that I picked up a strange man on the street they'd kill me. They'd just naturally kill me—that's all."

"I suppose," said Mary-Frances, "that you expect to get a long ways with your stage career, and receive ovations and everything, without a bit of bravery. Not even a teeny bit of bravery." "To-day, during algebra," said Ermintrude, "I kind of got to thinking about Peter, and I just almost decided to give up the stage for a career."

If Ermintrude, with the thin wedge, had hoped to open a discussion of her own affairs, her hopes were unavailing. Rosy-moade, by this time, had been left behind, and the girls were coming down a small hill covered with the lush, heady greens of Oregon's uncultivated shrubbery. At the foot of the hill a service station sprouted, shining red and white in the sun. Mary-Frances clutched Ermintrude's arm. "There?" she said. "I'll stop in there and fix up. They have a ladies' rest room. It will be better than going on down to Palmer's, like we'd

planned." "I don't hardly think they'll let you," Ermintrude objected. "Without a car or anything." "They'd just better try to stop me," threatened Mary-Frances. She was a female thing, questing for love and beauty. Her tiny nostrils dilated slightly.

The attendant at the service station, pleasantly named Albert Jolly and as British as "Zed," had noticed two girls, whom he might have described as sweetly comely, approach and cross his gravelled corner. He had noticed them, and busy with his pumps and his oil cans, he had promptly forgotten them. He was vaguely startled, 15 minutes later, when he saw the two young persons again in his gravelled corner.

Albert was at an age when all youth looked much and beautifully alike to him. Still, he had retained an impression that the blue little lady was a bit more agreeable to the eye than was the stockier brown little lady. He looked again at the blue little lady, and his eyes opened wide, and his jaw went down a trifle, and murmuring and distinctly troubled he returned to his pumps and oil cans.



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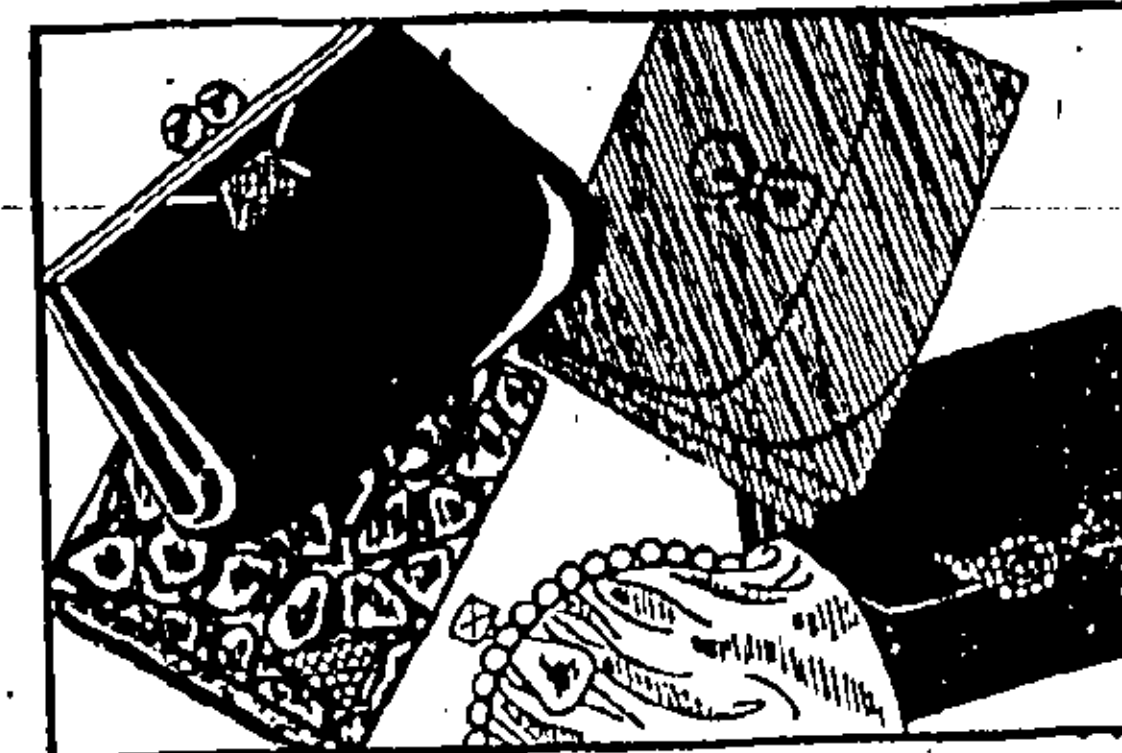
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20th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 27th February, 1932.

On Saturday 20th, Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd, and Wednesday 24th February, the first race will be run at 11 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday the 27th February, the first race will be run at 1 p.m., and the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m.

The fifth interval will be taken after the fifth race on the first four days.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge, admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (Indies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively), are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a Member, each Member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

A limited number of Tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from No. 1 Box, Telephone No. 21920.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE. The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$4.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, T.C. The men etc, will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES. Passes for servants will be issued on application to the Secretary, 3rd Floor, Gloucester Building.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering with servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1932.

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THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB.

REMINDER

ENTRIES for the Spring Race Meeting to be held at Macao on Sunday, the 13th March, 1932 close at 5 p.m. TO-DAY, the 19th February, 1932.

TO-NIGHT IN HONGKONG

(WANCHAI RECLAMATION—9.15 P.M.)

Owing to the attendance of H.E. the Governor on Saturday night, the performance will start at 9.30 p.m. instead of 9.15 p.m.

HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

From DUNKIRK, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, LONDON & via SHANGHAI.

The Steamship

"DOCTEUR PIERRE BENOIT"

Arrived Hongkong on Friday, the 19th, February, 1932.

Consignees of Cargo by the above named steamer are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery can be obtained as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared within 7 days including date of arrival, will be subject to rent.

All claims must be sent to the undersigned before Monday the 20th, February, 1932 or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the consignees, and the Company's Surveyor Messrs.—Goddard and Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday the 25th, February, 1932. Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No fire insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL,

Agent.

Hongkong, 10th, February, 1932.

N.Y.K. LINE.

(NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA).

From EUROPE and STRAITS.

The Steamship

"LIMA MARU."

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 25th February, 1932 will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co's representatives on any Tuesday and Friday, at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period for the examination of damaged dutiable goods, the consignees must arrange for a Revenue Officer to be present.

No fire insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1932.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"THIS MODERN AGE"

SHOWING.

"This Modern Age," now showing at the Queen's Theatre, provides an excellent vehicle for Joan Crawford's acting abilities, although the story is not a particularly gripping one. She plays the role of a modern young woman, who, despite her love of a gay life, rebels against the atmosphere created by her fast-living mother. Romance is introduced, of course, and in the end everything works out satisfactorily.

Joan Crawford is quite good in the part, but Pauline Frederick is even better as the sophisticated mother. Neil Hamilton plays the male lead, but he is not too convincing. The film is admirably produced, with some effective settings which go a long way to make up for shortcomings in other respects.

EXCHANGE RATES.

Previous Day. Yesterday.

Paris 87.7/16

Geneva 17.21/32

Berlin 14.50

Osk 15.5

Helsingfors 220

Athens 270

Buenos Aires 394

Shanghai 1/11.5/32

New York 3.44 1/16

Amsterdam 8.51

Brussels 44 1/2

Bucharest 57 1/2

Hongkong 1/5.21/32

Brussels 24.70

Madrid 64

Stockholm 17 1/2

Copenhagen 18 1/2

Travre 10 1/2

Lisbon 10 1/2

Rio 4.3/16

Bombay 1/6.5/32

Yokohama 2/0 1/4

Montevideo 30 1/2

Montreal 3.95

Silver (spot) 19.9/16

Silver (forward) 19.11/16

— British Wireless.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No fire insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1932.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

Information has been received that the Siberian route is interrupted and the service by this route will accordingly be resumed forthwith.

The Public are, however, warned that, as this Service is somewhat precarious and still liable to suspension without notice, letters will only be accepted at senders' risks. In the event of the service being again suspended all letters will be forwarded via Suva.

Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "Via Siberia" if so superscribed.

It is notified for the information of holders of Private Boxes at the General Post Office that on and after 1st February no correspondence will be placed in the Boxes. A notification will be substituted and Box-holders are requested to call or send for the correspondence at the Box-holders' Lobby and there pay the amount of the Tax against the delivery of the letters or packets.

The Parcel Post Service to Shanghai and North China is fully resumed as from to-day.

INWARD MAILS.

From Per Due

Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers) London, 21st January Kashima Maru February 20.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 22nd January) and Europe via Siberia (London, 27th January) Pres. Garfield February 20.

Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., 30th January) Emp. of Japan February 21.

Straits Burdwan February 21.

Japan Sindhana February 22.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 29th January) Pres. Lincoln February 22.

Manila Asama Maru February 22.

London, parcels only, London, 14th January Memnon February 24.

Europe via Suva (Letters and Papers) London, 28th January Sindhana February 24.

and parcels, 21st January Rajputana February 25.

U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 6th February) Pres. Taft February 26.

Japan Kitano Maru February 26.

Japan and Shanghai Naldern February 26.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For Per Date and Time.

Amoy Kumsang Thur., Feb. 19, 5 p.m.

Tourane Chung Kong Fri., Feb. 19, 5 p.m.

Japan, and "Canada" President Cleveland Fri., Feb. 19, 5 p.m.

Parcels, Feb. 19, 3 p.m.

Letters, Feb. 19, 4.15 p.m.

(Due Victoria B.C., 8th March)

Shanghai and "Europe via Siberia" President Cleveland Fri., Feb. 19, 5 p.m.

Letters, Feb. 19, 5 p.m.

Letters, Feb. 19, 6 p.m.

Reg., Feb. 19, 4.30 p.m.

Letters, Feb. 19, 4.30 p.m.

G.P.O.

Reg., Feb. 19, 5 p.m.

Letters, Feb. 19, 6 p.m.

(Due Marseilles, 10th March)

Tai Ming Fri., Feb. 19, 4 p.m.

City of Worcester Fri., Feb. 19, 5 p.m.

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SAT., 20th FEB.
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SUN., 21st FEB.
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Swimming lessons for tanks.
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Election impressions.
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Getting ready for the fifth.
Guy Fawkes day.
The Prince at Merseyside.
A present for Princess Elizabeth.
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SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.
The following is the list of local
share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1880 n.
Chartered Bank, \$11½ n.
Mercantile A. and B., \$18 n.
East Asia, \$127½ n.
Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$1350 n.
Union Ins., 400 b.
China Underwriters, \$4.62½ n.
China Fires, \$590 n.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$1250 n.

Shipping.
Doughases, \$26½ n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$23 n.
Indo-China, (Prof.) \$32 n.
Union Waterboats, \$25 n.
Mining.
Benquestrin, \$1175 n.
Kallana, 25/- n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 2.10 n.
Kauba, \$39 n.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$156 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$29 n.
South China Motors \$10 n.
Providenta (old), \$5 n.

SHANGHAI CRISIS IN
PICTURES.Pictorial Supplement
Feature.

As there was such a demand
for last Saturday's issue of
the Telegraph Pictorial Sup-
plement, containing pictures
of the Shanghai crisis, we
have decided to devote a page
in to-morrow's issue to the
same subject. These will be
found most interesting for
the purpose of sending to
relatives at home.

In addition, there will be
several pictures of local
events.

Hongkew, Tls. 220 n.
New Engineers, Tls. 6½ n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 90½ n.

Cottons.
Ewo Cottons Tls. 14½ n.
Shanghai Cottons, Tls. 80½ n.
Zoon Sings Tls. 11½ n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H.K. Hotels (old) \$13.20 b.
H.K. S. Hotels (new) \$13 n.
H. K. Lands, \$76 n.
Shai Lands, Tls. 30 n.
Humphreys' (old) \$19 n.
Realities, \$11.65 n.

Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$20.80 n.
Peak Trams, (old), \$15.60 n.
Star Ferry, \$94 n.
China Lights, \$21.60 n.
H. K. Electric, \$75¼ sa.
Macao Electric, \$23 n.
Telephones, \$43 n.
China Buses, Tls. 16 n.
Singapore Traction, 3/- n.

Industrials.
Malabons, \$38 n.
Canton Ice, \$5 n.
Cements (com.) \$16.90 b.
Ropes, \$16.40 sa.

Stores, etc.
Dairy Farms, \$29½ n.
Watsons, \$16.60 n.
Der A. Wings, \$1 n.
Lane Crawford, \$6 n.
Macintosh, \$19 b.
Sinceres \$16 n.
Powells, \$3.60 n.

Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$19¼ b.
Entertainments (old) \$16¼ n.
Constructions (old) \$5.15 n.
S. C. Enterprises \$10 n.
Constructions (new), \$1.80 b.
R. Ind. C. & B. Bonds, \$58½ n.
Loans, 3% b. Prem.

WOMEN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

COLOURFUL SWEATERS ADD A PIQUANT
NOTE TO WARDROBES.Necks and Sleeves
Have OriginalityNew Models Are
Short, Fitted.

[By Joan Savoy.]

Nothing short of a whole dress
or costume can have the cocktail
effect of a becoming new sweater
blouse. No longer can you call
them merely "sweaters." They
have all the grace, piquancy and
originality of hand-made little
blouses. And usually they add
much more in the way of colour.

Sleeves Take on Variety.
Necklines and sleeves are the
points of chic to gaze at in the
new sweaters. There are some
little tricky pullovers that have
short, very full puff sleeves that
fairly drop off a wide yoke. But
for wear in colder climes, there

are several different versions of
the fancy long sleeve that will
catch your eye.

For one of the popular blue,
blue and white tricolour effects, a
navy closely knit sweater (cen-
tre) simulates the sleeveless gilet
effect by having its tight little
rolled collar, yoke and cap sleeves
of lighter blue and white. The
yoke and the little cap sleeves are
something brand-new in the swea-
ter field, looking for all the world
the way a dainty organza does
when it uses ruffle upon ruffle to
achieve an effect.

In Rough and Ready Mode.
Smart for hard wear is the mid-

night blue (left), that is practi-
cally a black and white plain and
polka dotted blouse. It is an un-
ique knit, a diagonal knit with yoke
and sleeves of white mesh with
dots the same dark blue.

If it's something with colour
that you are looking for, a new
string coloured sweater, in a loose,
easy knit, has a rounding, rolled
collar, scarf and puff sleeves of
brown, orange and white. This
is one of those short little swea-
ters that fits down over the skirt
band, but no farther. This is
the new length—all the smartest
little sweaters are selling short
nowadays!

BEAUTY HINTS.

[By Alicia Hart.]

Your eyes should be the loveliest
part of your face. Keep them re-
laxed so tired little lines around
the corners will not develop. Get
enough sleep to keep them bright
and shining.

There are several exercises which
keep the muscles in and around the
eyes firm and healthy. Sit in a
comfortable chair and relax. Now
close your eyes and see darkness.
Count twenty. Open them and
look at a bright light. Count
twenty again. Repeat both exer-
cises ten or fifteen times.

Focus your eyes on a point as far
distant as you can see. Count
twenty. Quickly change the focus
of your eyes to a point at arm's
length and count thirty. Repeat
these two exercises, alternating, ten
times. Now hold your head erect
and without turning it at all, look
as far to the left as is possible and
then to the right as far as possible.
Do this ten times and then move
your eyes in a complete circle, with-
out turning your head, five times.

Open your eyes as far as you can,
count four, close them tightly and
count three. Repeat the exercise

ten times. Now soak some cotton
muds in cool water, place them
over your eyes and leave them
there for five minutes. If you
possibly can, do the exercises
followed by the five minutes re-
sisted, twice each day. You'll
notice a decided improvement both
in the beauty and the strength of
your eyes within a few weeks.

You should use an eye bath at
night to remove all the dirt and
dust particles which have collected
during the day. Fill an eye cup
with a weak solution of boracic acid
and water, and thoroughly wash
the eyes. If you prefer, you may
use a prepared antiseptic solution
instead of the boracic acid. If
you have difficulty getting your
eyes to "wake up," bathe them in
the morning as well as at night.

If there are tiny lines around
your eyes or if the skin looks stretch-
ed, put them with a good nursing
cream before you go to bed.
Leave a little of it on all night.
If the lines are really etched into
the skin, use a muscle-relaxing
oil. It will be more effective if
you warm it before you put it
around your eyes.

You should see an oculist once
a year and if he advises glasses,
buy some. Wear them when you
read or sew, and in that way, you
will keep them from becoming ac-
customed that you have to wear glasses
all the time.

CAKES WORTH
TRYING.

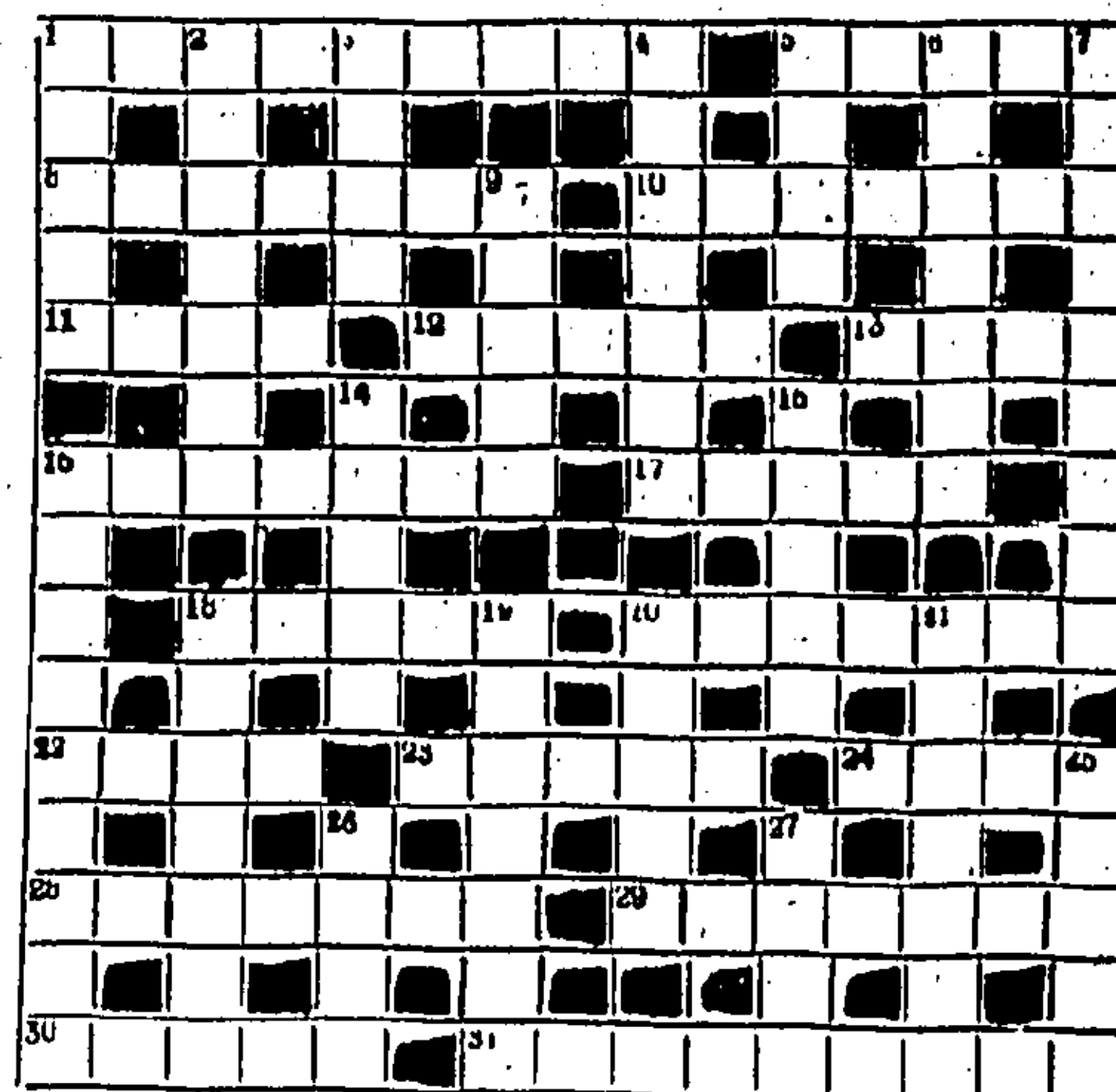
Marzipan Varieties.

Put ½ lb. loaf sugar into a sauce-
pan with a pint of water and a
pinch of cream of tartar. Boil to-
gether until a small thread forms
when the mixture is cooled and
tested between finger and thumb.
Add ½ lb. of ground almonds, the
lightly whipped white of an egg,
and a few drops of almond essence,
and bring to the boil. Turn the mix-
ture on to a wet slab or board and
work into various shapes with fin-
gers that have been dipped into
cold water.

By adding a few drops of appro-
priate-colouring matter to different
portions of the mixture you can
make the most realistic cucumbers,
onions, carrots, pears, or eggs in
nuts.

Almond Princess.
Put 6oz. of sifted icing sugar in-
to a basin with 3oz. of chopped
almonds and 9 whites of eggs.
Work all together with a wooden
spoon for about ten minutes or until
the mixture thickens, and then drop,
in small portions, on rice paper or
savored baking sheets. Lay a few
shreds of almonds on top of each
little cake and bake in a fairly
quick oven.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



- Across**
1 A first will not be likely to third
so much if his second be large
and shady in this American
island.
5 Tendon that becomes twisted in
swine.
8 Why hurt the lad? He can't
help being coloured.
10 Artful dog! to make a row about
a bit of a slip like that.
11 He caught a whiff as he dropped.
It almost unnerved him (hidden).
12 When one is divided by a letter
it is not suitable.
13 What, with one thing and an-
other, one secures.
16 "Ref. Ruth" (anag.).
17 Roam here among the trees.
18 Acid claimed to be found in an
apple when the claim is made in
the correct form.
20 Here one must take measures
about a total abstainer, though
its ends be wide as the poles
asunder.
22 Brocgy.
23 Scolds sang heroic poems. This
blazes in a gentler way.
24 Ten to one—average person.
25 We may come across these
puzzling matters in games.
26 The bird which has no feathers.
30 Here one is in shaded surround-
ings.
31 Half a sheep is an opera. Which
would you choose?
- Down**
1 If you wanted logs for a hundred
years what tree might be ample?
2 More clamant.
3 Here we have the doings—
4 and here we haven't any thing.
5 4 is this in life.
6 Is nothing in Rome injurious to
health?
7 Of no value—and deserving of
less.
9 One may be one in one on a
train.
14 Shi Beer before oil may result
in a flare up.
16 It was a stern escort that edged
him out hastily (hidden).
16 Ethereal and intangible, yet
solid, so be it, to a T.
18 Scottish John attends the mas-
ket as a visitor from another
sphere.
19 "For rhyme the rudder is of
verses, with which, like ships,
they steer their—" "Hudibras."
20 Nip off an inch at the end.
21 Here worship.
25 Quite a sound size.
28 Though this is near the end, it's
really in the middle.
27 The only employer you can make
sure of.

Yesterday's Solution.

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MASSES OSMANI
CADERNA DESSE
WARRANTY QUIT
RSHHEQUALLED
NICENEFITMEN
PEAFED AEDD

HONGKONG SHARE
MARKET.OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY
STOCK EXCHANGE.

There is not much to report about
the state of the market this morning.

Sales.

Hotels (Old) \$13.10/13.40.
Electric \$75%
Cement (Comb.) \$16.85/17.
Hongkong Ropes \$16.40.
Govt. Loans 4% Premium.

Buyers.

Hotels (Old) \$13.20.
Chinese Estates \$95.
Yau-mat Ferries \$30%
Cements (Comb.) \$16.90.
Amusements \$19%
Constructions (New) \$1.75.
Govt. Loans 3% Premium.

Sellers.

Wharves \$156.
Docks \$29.

MISS SLADE'S ARREST.

THREE MONTHS' GAOL.

Bombay, Feb. 18.
Miss Slade has been sentenced
to three months' imprisonment.
[Miss Slade, the daughter of an
English Admiral, is known by the
Indian name of Mirabai. She has
been Gandhi's disciple and per-
sonal attendant for some years.]

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE
"TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following extracts are from
the Hongkong Telegraph for the
week ended Feb. 18th, 1911.

The rate of the dollar on de-
mand was 1s. 9½d.

A tiger weighing over 270
pounds was shot by villagers near
Canton.

The wedding took place at St.
Andrew's Church, Kowloon, of Mr.
Alex Squair and Miss Dorothy
Lambert.

In the Hongkong Races, Corona-
tion Rose, ridden by Mr. Burkill,
won the Derby.



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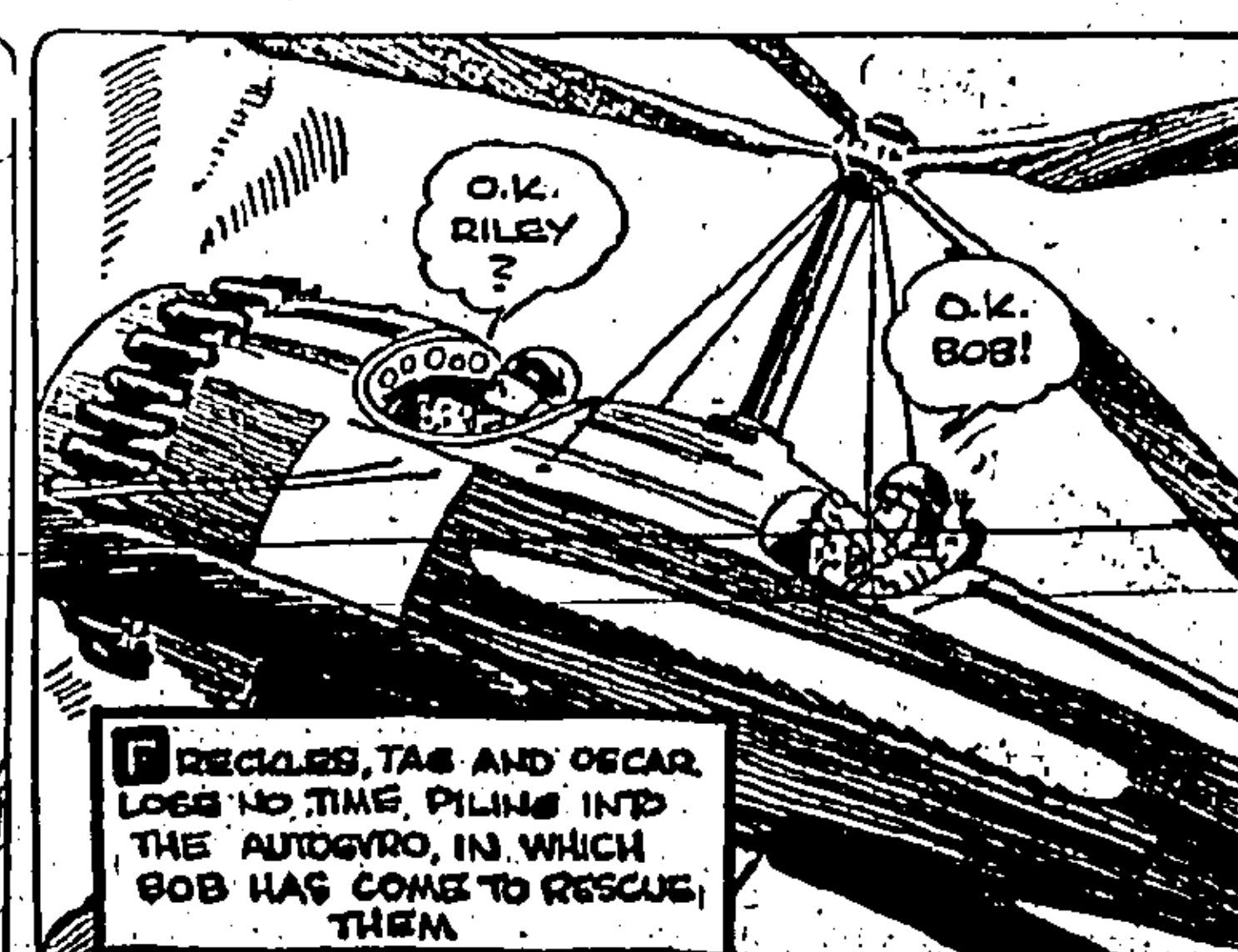
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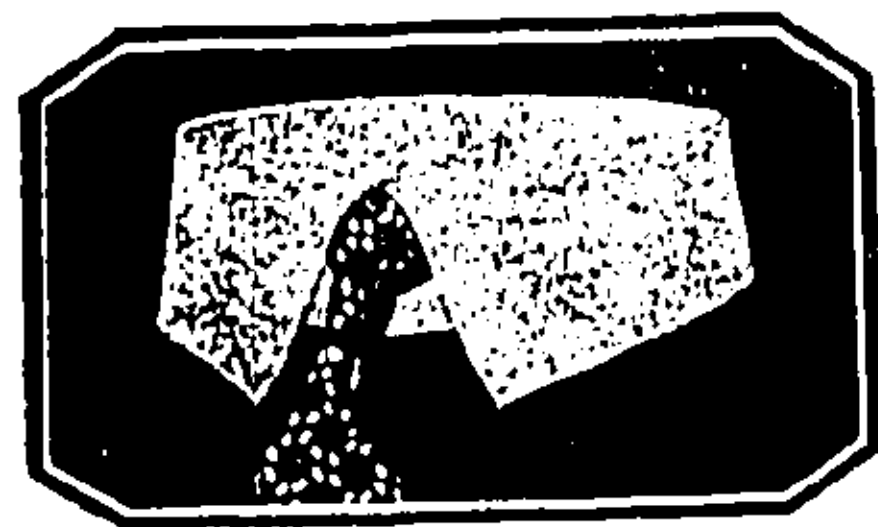
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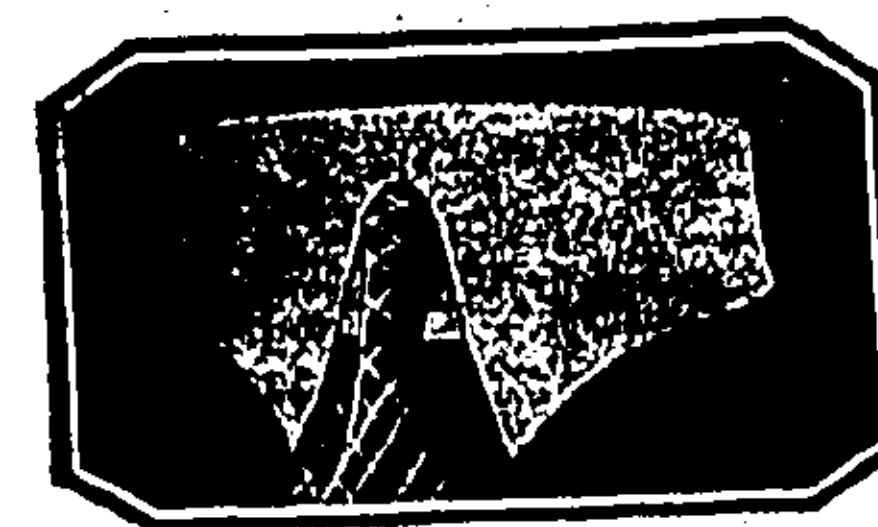


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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1932.

WAR COSTS.

Yesterday, we had some observa-
tions on the popular fallacy that
nations which go to war are only
those who can financially afford it.
It will be appropriate if we now
turn to the question of the cost of
war. Some little time back a
table was prepared showing the
cost of armed conflict to the world.
It was an inadequate table, inas-
much as it took no account of the
destruction of property, the loss of
human life and consequent im-
provement of the financial and
economic chaos produced, or of the
moral and spiritual disturbance.
These things, of course, cannot, for
the most part, be estimated. The
table to which we are referring is
simply a recapitulation of the Bud-
gets of the seven leading Powers
of the world insofar as they apply
to armaments and Service (as dis-
tinct from war) pensions. Even
in this restricted form, the figures
are striking enough. They show
that in a typical year no less a
sum than \$623,000,000 was actual-
ly spent by the seven leading
nations in respect of past wars,
present armaments and prepara-
tions for war which, despite trea-
ties, may come. Here are the
detailed figures:—United States,
\$175,000,000; Great Britain, \$115,-
000,000; France, \$104,000,000;
Russia, \$91,000,000; Italy, \$50,000,-
000; Japan, \$49,000,000; Germany,
\$38,000,000.

For comparative purposes, the
budgetary method is somewhat
misleading, since there are coun-
tries which are much more gen-
erous to their soldiers than others.
For this reason, the figures given
cannot be used as a test of relative
armament. But the broad fact re-
mains that more than six hundred
millions sterling was spent in this
typical year on war and prepara-
tion for war. It should be pointed
out that there are in addition war
pensions other than service pen-
sions. It should likewise be pointed
out that there are debts from
country to country which were
brought into being by war and will
hang like a millstone on the necks
of this and future generations; and
internal debts which absorb a high

percentage of the national revenue.
It is calculated that Great Britain,
which is groaning under a mount-
ing load of taxation, is paying 55
per cent. of its budget on behalf of
past wars, and another 15 per cent.
in preparation for possible future
wars. These latter may never
come, and it is hoped, and indeed
widely expected, that they will not
come. But they are being paid for
in advance just the same.

And the case of Great Britain is,
of course, typical. In France, for
example, a very small proportion is
left for current domestic and con-
structive purposes after the over-
whelming charge for past and
future wars is met. Besides,
though the seven leading powers
are included in this list, examina-
tion would show that the multitude
of smaller nations are paying on a
proportionate scale the same stag-
gering tribute to Moloch. Is it not
time, in a world which is presum-
ably willing to be governed by
reason, that this levy, sometimes
as high as three-quarters of the
national revenue, for wars past,
present—and feared—should be
reduced? To ask the question is
surely to answer it.

Developing Internationalists.

The Secretariat of the League of
Nations, whose composition has
again been under discussion by
the impending resignation of Sir
Eric Drummond, the Secretary
General, should furnish the world
with models of international men.
It is true that all the chief offices
have been allocated to various na-
tions; but the contention, notably
of Italy, that appointments to
office in the League of Nations
should be frankly nationalist, dis-
torts the whole conception of the
League. It does not matter that
this post is held by an English-
man and that by a Frenchman, or
a third by a German and a fourth
by an Italian; but it does matter
immensely that in office each
should regard himself not as the
nominee of a nation but rather as
the servant of the League of Na-
tions. From this standpoint the
foreign ministers who go as dele-
gates to Geneva are admittedly
handicapped; in this is undoubtedly
to be found one of the reasons
for the League's weak handling of
the problem of the Far East; they
doubtless wish to forward the
League, but by their office they
must consider the particular views
of their respective countries. The
question may, indeed, arise whe-
ther any man who has been
brought up in national schools and
has acquired national prejudices
can ever become entirely indepen-
dent of his early environment and
teaching. The proposal has been
made—and it is worth pondering
—that the officials of the League
of Nations eventually should be
recruited not from this or that
country, but from men who have
been educated in an international
centre, such as Geneva itself,
which possesses a distinguished
university; men who from their
youth have resolved to devote
themselves to super-national pur-
poses, who have been trained to
that end, who from the outset have
been developed as international
men. Until such an ideal can be
made practical, however, the en-
couragement of the realisation
that a League official, by definition
represents no nation, but only the
League of Nations, will help over-
come extreme nationalistic tenden-
cies. As such he must not be a
partisan of any national policy.
He must not be swayed by public
feeling at home. In point of fact
the atmosphere of Geneva, a cer-
tain habit of thought and practice,
have already helped to develop a
decided internationalism. It sim-
ply remains to carry on the pre-
sent tendency to its logical con-
clusion.

PEAK LADY'S BAG SNATCHED.

YOUNG THIEF SENT TO PRISON.

Whilst walking up Battery Path
in the company of her husband,
Mrs. Aucott, of 368, The Peak,
was the victim yesterday evening
of a young bag snatcher who was
subsequently arrested and this
morning brought before Mr.
Wynne Jones.

According to Mrs. Aucott, she
was walking up Battery Path to-
gether with Mr. Aucott when the
defendant snatched her handbag

DAY BY DAY

THE PASSIONS ARE DEFECTS OR
EXCELLENCIES ONLY IN EXCESS.—
Goethe.

H.E. the Governor, Sir William
Peel is to distribute the prizes at
King's College on Saturday, March 5,
at 11 a.m.

Passengers arriving here from
Manila by the s.s. President Cleve-
land to-day included Sir Philip Sas-
soon, Mr. Bell, and Mr. W. Butter-
field.

Owing to the attendance of His
Excellency the Governor at Har-
miston's Circus to-morrow night (Sat-
urday), the performance will commence
at 9.30 p.m. instead of 9.15 p.m.

An extraordinary general meeting
of the Star Ferry Co., Ltd., is ad-
vised to be held at the office of Messrs.
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on
Friday, February 26, at 12.30 p.m.

Owing to Race Week, there will be
no meeting of the Rotary Club on
Tuesday. The next meeting will be held
on March 1st, when Dr. S. F. Li will
speak on "The Prevention of
Tuberculosis."

In connexion with the fund for
relief of distress in Shanghai, we are
informed that the \$10,000 mentioned
in our issue of yesterday as coming
from Fukien merchants was in fact
subscribed by Chuchow and Swatow
merchants in Hongkong.

Mr. Foo Eng-keng, the eldest
son of Mr. Foo Wah-cheng, of Ipoh,
returned to Ipoh from Hongkong
recently, after completing his studies
at the Hongkong University. Mr.
Foo Eng-keng obtained the degree of
Bachelor of Engineering.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close
of the sugar market yesterday has
been received by Messrs. Pentreath
and Co.

London Terminals.

March 6/6 1/2 up 1d.
May 6/8 3/4 up 1/2 d.
August 6/11 3/4 up 1/2 d.
December 7/3 up 1/2 d.
Buyers at above prices, sellers
asking 1/4 d. more.

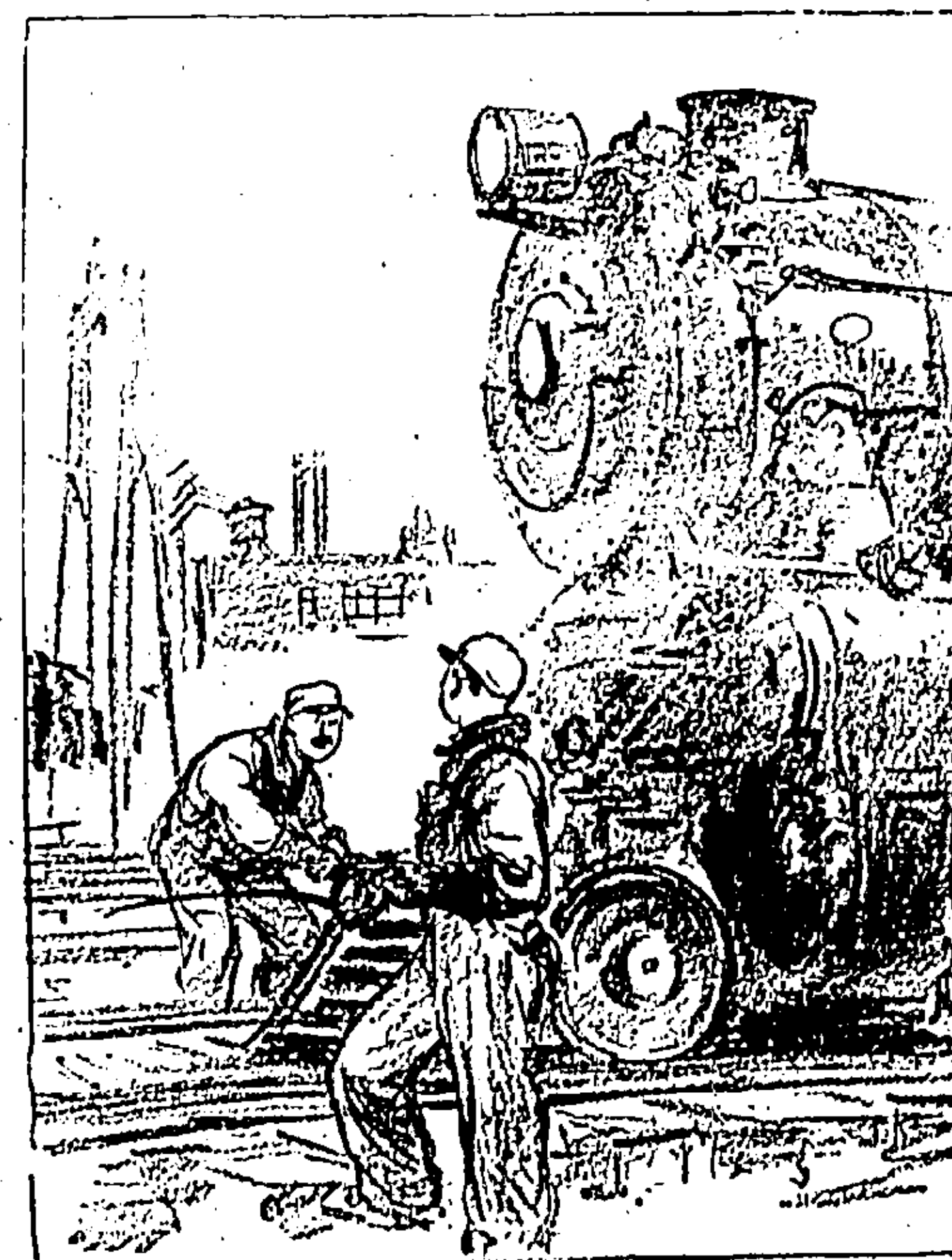
New York Terminals.

March—94 up 1 pt.
July 1.09 up 4 pts.
May 1.01 up 3 pts.
September 1.14 up 3 pts.
December 1.19 up 3 pts.

and ran up towards the Cathedral,
with Mr. Aucott in pursuit. A
military staff sergeant who was
coming down the path caught the
defendant and later handed him
over to the police.

In reply to his Worship, defend-
ant said that he was 16 years
of age.

Sentence of six weeks' hard la-
bour was imposed.



"Why don't you and the Miesus drive over tonight for a
game of bridge?"
"Be glad to, Frank. We'll be there at seven fifty-three
and a half."

WHAT DO WE EXPECT OF 1932?

A Trade Boom

Says SIR WILLIAM MORRIS.

I HOPE in the next six or
twelve months to see a
great revival in all British indus-
tries that will put the old country
back in the place in the sun where
it ought to be. I am hoping, in-
deed, to see a trade boom—but
whether my hopes are fulfilled and
the country gets back to pros-
perous conditions depends upon
the Government carrying out the
grave duties and heavy responsi-
bilities they have had put upon
them.

And, first and foremost, we must
have protection of our industries.
The motor industry has hitherto
prospered because it has been thus
favoured. Now we must have pro-
tection for British steel and Brit-
ish lace and all other British
industries, including agriculture.

When I hear of shiploads of
goods produced abroad by sweated
labour coming into this country to
keep millions of men out of work,
I feel so annoyed that I sometimes
wonder whether I am one of the
lunatics and all the rest of the
people are sane.

The foreigners have had duties
imposed on us for a long time
back, but we have not had duties
imposed on them. They must
have considered us mad not to
have retaliated.

A Triple Hope

By LORD APSLEY.

My first hope for 1932 is that
the totally erroneous idea that
Britain makes use of State-aided
migration in order to dump her
unemployed on the Dominions will
entirely disappear; my second,
that migration will increase be-
cause it has an effect on Inter-
Imperial trade, on which both we
and they depend for the prosper-
ity of our existing population; and
my third, that there will be a de-
cided improvement in trade and
agriculture.

I believe, too, that towards the
end of the New Year the unem-
ployment question will begin to
solve itself, not because of in-
creased prosperity but because
the drop in the birth-rate which
has shown itself from 1915 on-
wards will begin to exercise a
marked effect on the labour mar-
ket. If prosperity increases, in-
deed, there may even be a short-
age of workers.

The introduction of a penny
post and reduced freights and pas-
senger fares within the Empire
would also be a forward step. A
common Empire currency is to be
hoped for, but, I fear, will not be
seen in 1932.

The End of

"Dismal Jimmies"
Says SIR WILLIAM
CRAWFORD

The closing months of 1931 have
ended with an outlook of brighter
industrial conditions for Britain.
It is my hope that the conditions
will continue and be bettered, and
that we shall have done with
brooding over depression.

We Shall Become

"Air-Minded"

Says SIR ALAN COBHAM.
I believe that 1932 is going to
be a year when we shall take great
jumps forward. Things move in
jerks, as I have noticed, and in
this coming leap year we are go-
ing to leap very much indeed.
Trade depression will lift, and
progress will be most marked in
every field.

In particular, there will be a great
boom in aviation. We shall be-
come "air-minded." People will
realize that we crept out of the
dangerous stage in civil flying
years ago, and that it is now as
safe to travel by air as it is to go
by land; and perhaps safer. The
hire of air taxis will become more
common, and we shall see an aéro-
drome attached to every town, and
probably a landing ground close to
every village.

But first we have got to educate
Local Authorities up to the new
movement. They have got to
realize that investment in an aéro-
drome or a landing ground is wise,
since it is more than an invest-
ment in mere land; it is also bring-
ing traffic to their town. They
must learn this, and abandon their
dusty ideas. I am working as
hard as I can towards this end,
and 1932, I think, will see my
hopes fulfilled.

Revolt Against Armaments

Says LT.-COM. KENWORTHY.

My main hope for 1932 lies in
the revolt of the common people—
farmers, artisans, doctors, shop-
keepers, and so on—against the
intolerable burden of armaments.
I hope that this will happen in all
countries, for all countries are
suffering. France, in this matter,
is no better off than we are, for
with falling trade she is suffering
from rising taxation and rising
unemployment, both due directly
or indirectly to militarism.

And in this country fifteen shil-
lings out of every pound of taxa-
tion goes towards armaments or
the strengthening of military re-
sources.

The present expenditure on pre-
parations for hypothetical war
cannot possibly continue unless
we have all taken leave of our
senses. I am hoping that in the
near future there will be such
an uprising of popular opinion
against war that the militarists
and their colleagues, the arma-
ment makers, will be brushed
aside.

The League of Nations can
help in this, but only if Russia and
America decide to join the forth-
coming World Conference in a
helpful and constructive spirit.

In conclusion, trade in this
country will improve if taxation is
reduced (and the reduction of tax-
ation depends to a large extent
upon disarmament); if the tariff
obstacles to trade all over the
world are removed or reduced;
and if we come to a settlement in
the matter of war debts and re-
parations; and the best way to do
this would be to wash them all
out.

An all-round reduction of arma-
ments would be a step forward.
It is my main hope for 1932.

BAITING TEACHER.

A RECENT article in the
Evening Dispatch dealt with
some practical jokes which chil-
dren of former days were wont to
play on their elders, but what
about that more risky pastime—
baiting the much abused school-
master?

In my school-days certain bright
members of the class seemed to
spend most of their time in trying
to invent various methods by
which this desideratum might be
accomplished. There was one
gentleman in particular against
whom these tricks were directed.

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FATAL MOTOR SMASH.**DRIVER CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.**

The fatal accident in Waterloo Road on Wednesday when an earth cooler was killed had a sequel at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. Fraser this morning when a lorry-driver named Wong Kam-leung was charged with manslaughter.

It was alleged that whilst in trying to overtake another lorry defendant's vehicle collided with a handtruck in Waterloo Road near the Kowloon Hospital, killing a man between the shafts and injuring two others.

Inspector Mason applied for a remand when the case was mentioned this morning, and his Worship accordingly remanded the case until to-morrow morning.

BRITISH STOCKS STIMULATED.**PLEASANT BANK RATE SURPRISE.**

London, Feb. 18. The reduction of the bank rate to-day from six to five per cent had a stimulating effect in the City and on the Stock Exchange.

It was the first reduction since Britain left the gold standard five months ago.

The change came as a pleasant surprise and business received an immediate stimulus, stock prices generally being marked up.

The outstanding feature at the close was the substantial gains registered by all the leading gilt-edged specialties. These include: War Loan Five, a rise of three quarters to 99½; Funding Loan four per cent, rise 1½ to 88½; consolidated four per cent, rise 1½ to 86½. *British Wireless*

WORLD DIVIDES SUGAR TRADE.**CHADBOURNE EXPORT QUOTA SCHEME.**

Brussels, Feb. 18. The International Sugar Conference has agreed to Mr. Chadbourne's scheme for the limitation of sugar production.

Under the quota system now endorsed, Java is allotted a 1932 export quota of 1,350,000 tons, Cuba an allotted an export quota of 2,350,000 tons, Germany's limit is 350,000 tons, Poland is permitted 308,000 tons in exports, Czechoslovakia's share is 570,000 tons, Hungary's 340,000 tons, Belgium, 30,000 tons and Peru's 371,000 tons.—*Reuter*.

SILVER MARKET IDLE.**HONGKONG DOLLAR DECLINES.**

Silver is unchanged both in London and New York, but the local dollar has dropped 1.8th, the demand rate being 1s. 5. 3/16d.

London reports a featureless market, with conditions very quiet. After the official fixing, the market ruled idle.

New York is also unchanged, but the market is steady.

Locally, the market is a little steadier than yesterday, but there is practically nothing doing.

DE BEER'S CLOSE DOWN MINES.**STAGNATION OF INDUSTRY.**

Kimberley, Feb. 18. It is officially announced that De Beer's mines are being closed down on March 31 owing to the very serious conditions prevailing in the diamond trade.

The company considers that a complete cessation of diamond production will tend to produce confidence in the trade and will lead to an earlier revival of the diamond industry.—*Reuter*.

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS.**LEICESTER DEFEAT WEST HAM.**

London, Feb. 18. League football matches played to-day, resulted as follows:

First Division.	
Leicester	2 West Ham 1
Third Division (North).	
Walsall	2 Tranmere 1
Accrington	0 Barrow 3

—*Reuter*.

SHIP COLLISION JUDGMENT.**N. Y. K. VESSEL TO BLAME.****C. N. CO. SUCCEEDS.**

Declaring that the Toyooka Maru was the chief contributor to the collision with the Kiangsu, the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) this morning gave his judgment for the China Navigation Company against the Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

The Chief Justice found in favour of the China Navigation Company in both instances, allowing their claim for \$40,000 and dismissing the counter-claim of \$10,554.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, K.C., instructed by Mr. M. M. Watson of Messrs. Johnston, Slokes and Master, were for the plaintiffs and Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. E. S. C. Brookes, of Messrs. Hastings, Denny and Bowley, was for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

The Judgment.

After reviewing the circumstances leading up to the collision his Lordship said, in part:—I have no hesitation in saying that the main cause, at least, of the collision was the action of the Toyooka Maru in crossing the fairway into fog. It was a very dangerous course to take, and she might with safety have anchored in the then clear water to the south or south-east of her 7.43 a.m. position. She was perhaps again at fault in not porting when she heard the Kiangsu's fog signal at 7.11 a.m., but I do not so find and I do not base my judgment in any way on that allegation. I think that it is no answer, to my finding above, that the Toyooka Maru had "reached" an anchorage ground and should have been "safe." (One reply to that remark is that she had not anchored but was still moving across the area, with fog signals sounding on her starboard bow.)

Collision Avoidable.

I have also come to the conclusion that after sighting the other ship, the Toyooka Maru could have avoided the collision by at once dropping anchor, an obvious manoeuvre and one which ought almost to have been automatic unless the Toyooka Maru had then no way on. I find that she had way on. The master admitted that it would have been bad seamanship not to drop anchor if the Toyooka Maru had had way on, but he said that she was at a standstill.

Another important piece of evidence is that the Toyooka Maru's bow was bent to port by the impact. This would have been very difficult to explain if the Toyooka Maru had been stationary in the water, seeing that the Kiangsu was then turning under starboard helm. The crew of the Toyooka Maru were found by to anchor, the operation could have been performed at once, and the Assessor agreed with me that the first anchor dropped would have had an almost immediate effect, and that there would have been no collision. The Toyooka Maru was thus at least the main cause of the collision, and she could also by ordinary care and skill have avoided it at the last moment.

Excessive Speed Not Proved.

The next point is the speed of the Kiangsu. The master said that at the moment of sighting he was going at "about 6 knots over the ground", or "about 4 knots through the water", thus putting the tide at about 2 knots. The master of the Toyooka Maru puts the tide at about 1 knot. The Kiangsu's preliminary net puts the tide at "1½ to 2 knots". I have taken it as 1½ knots, and the Assessor agrees. It would appear therefore that the Kiangsu was going at a little more than 4 knots through the water on her own showing. The onus was on the Toyooka Maru to prove excessive speed, and she has failed to prove any speed higher than a little over 4 knots through the water.

Border Line Case.

It was also urged that the speed of the Kiangsu was any case excessive because of a certain rule of practice which has been laid down in various ways in different cases. The Assessor is of opinion that a little over 4 knots through the water was not an excessive speed for this purpose, and that any reduction below that speed would have made the margin of safety rather fine. The case seems to me to be very near the border line, but I am not prepared to differ from the Assessor's opinion on this point. I therefore find that the Kiangsu was navigating "at a moderate speed having regard to all the existing circumstances and conditions", up to 7.47 a.m. when in my opinion the second part of Article 16 comes into play and practically supersedes the first part of that



Words are not needed to describe this picture which shows a small section of ruined Chapel following the terrible fire and bombardment of the past fortnight. There are acres of territory like this all displaying the enormous ruin and havoc created in this once crowded area.

Article.

On the other ground of complaint I hold that the Kiangsu was to blame. She may have been justified at first in assuming that the fog signals of the Toyooka Maru were those of an outward bound ship which would obey the starboard rule, and so that they were the signals of an ascertained ship, but at 7.17 a.m. at latest when those signals had become nearer and finer on the port bow, she should have realised that the other ship was not behaving as a normal outward bound ship would behave, and she should have then treated that other ship as an unascertained ship and she then immediately stopped her engines, but continued on her course.

Question of Onus.

It was impossible on the evidence to say if the nonstoppage of the engines had any physical effect in helping to produce the collision. If the Kiangsu's engines had been stopped, there might have been no collision, but on the other hand, the collision might have been worse.

As the evidence did not clear up the point, one was driven back on onus. He need not give his reason, said Sir Joseph, but he had come to the conclusion that, as the Kiangsu had broken a statutory rule, and had done a wrong thing in regard to another vessel, the onus was upon her to show that the wrong thing did not physically contribute to the collision. She obviously failed to discharge that onus. That finding, however, did not dispose of the matter, because of the "subsidiary" rule, that a ship, herself antecedently in fault, can nevertheless recover in full if the other ship, also in fault, could have avoided the collision by the exercise of ordinary care and skill.

Mainly Contributory.

In the present case he was satisfied that it was the Toyooka Maru which mainly contributed to the accident and the rule was here invoked in favour of a ship which contributed in only a minor degree to the collision. Further the Kiangsu's negligence was not the initiating act of the manoeuvres which resulted in the collision, but was a negative default into which she was betrayed by the positive negligence of the Toyooka Maru.

It was argued that even if the Toyooka Maru was to blame in not anchoring, she should be excused on the "agony of the collision" principle, but he thought that that principle was inapplicable in the case of a ship which was herself mainly responsible for the existence of the agonising moment.

Could Have Avoided Collision.

He therefore came to the conclusion that though the Kiangsu was negligent in not stopping her engines at 7.47 a.m., yet that was not in law a contributory cause of the collision, because the Toyooka Maru could have avoided the collision by the exercise of ordinary care and skill, i.e., by dropping anchor.

The Toyooka Maru brought herself into the position of danger, and default of the Kiangsu was due to an error of judgment in the ambiguous position created by the Toyooka Maru herself. He therefore found that the Toyooka Maru was wholly to blame, and entered judgment for the China Navigation Company, with costs.

The Royal Observatory reports that the northern portion of the anticyclone has moved eastward, leaving a separate anticyclone central to the west of Shanghai. Local forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate; fair.

FANLING GOLF.**STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.****New Course.**

9.32 a.m. G. T. May, W. D. Harris.
9.40 a.m. J. Gardner, Mrs. Watson.
9.48 a.m. Mrs. Sherry, J. S. Dykes.
10.44 a.m. R. A. Rodgers, Mrs. Rodgers.

Old Course.

9.12 a.m. H. Duley, J. B. Lanyon.
9.16-9.20 p.m. Not to be booked by travellers on 8.28 a.m. Train.

9.24 a.m. W. R. Vallance, C. W. F. Bookers.
9.28 a.m. A. S. Adamson, J. J. French.
9.32 a.m. A. D. Humphreys, R. C. Law.
9.36 a.m. L. G. S. Doidwell, O. E. C. Marlon.

9.40 a.m. Larry Montes, E. D. Matthews.
9.44 a.m. W. Stewart, J. G. Campbell.

9.48 a.m. C. B. Johnson, A. B. Raworth.
9.52 a.m. G. A. Leiper, H. M. Muir.
9.56 a.m. J. D. Humphreys, J. W. Albaster.

10.00 a.m. A. Kidd, P. S. Grant.
10.04 a.m. L. M. S. Lloyd, J. R. Collis.
10.08 a.m. G. Thomerson, E. R. Price.

10.12 a.m. C. C. Stork, G. F. Hole.
10.16 a.m. W. D. Denham, A. G. Gwynne.
10.20 a.m. A. R. Cox, A. Webster.
10.24 a.m. J. Harrop, H. S. Dinsdale.
10.28 a.m. A. E. Lissman, W. C. Shields.

10.32 a.m. L. Yates, C. Mycock.
10.36 a.m. C. Thwaiter, W. C. Clark.
10.40 a.m. Y. Segalen, W. S. Hillier.
10.44 a.m. A. W. Muir, H. Hampton.
10.48 a.m. G. W. Tolmie, D. J. Mackie.

10.52 a.m. E. Stone, W. A. Weight.
10.56 a.m. C. W. Jeffries, J. Coulthart.
11.00 a.m. E. des Voeux, F. A. Redmond.

11.04 a.m. R. K. Valentine, W. M. Barton.
11.08 a.m. S. J. H. Fox, I. H. C. Higher.
11.12 a.m. G. R. M. Robertson, R. M. Giddy.

11.16 a.m. G. C. Worrall, R. C. Webb.
11.20 a.m. A. O. Brawn, E. J. Edwards.
11.24 a.m. A. Reid, H. A. Mills.
11.28 a.m. J. K. Jones, D. Black.

11.32 a.m. G. R. Horridge, J. Dickett.
11.36 a.m. T. J. Price, H. G. Wallington.
11.40 a.m. A. J. R. Wolf, H. Lowe.
11.44 a.m. T. R. Chassels, J. Thayer.
11.48 a.m. B. J. Lacey, E. Kern.
11.52 a.m. J. D. Darby, C. C. Roberts.

11.56 a.m. R. Stock, C. F. Hyde.

MOTORIST FINED TEN DOLLARS.**FAILURE TO CARRY LICENCE DISC.**

Mr. F. Burrell, of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, was summoned before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy to-day, for parking his car, on February 7, in Mount Kellett Road, prohibited to motor-traffic, and for failing to carry an appropriate licence disc.

The police stated that the incident occurred between the War Memorial and Matilda Hospitals.

Mr. Burrell complained that his permit for driving in that road had been cancelled and he had not been notified of such action.

Inspector Alexander said permits issued last July were effective until June of this year, but in the meantime, in September last, a Government regulation had been introduced requiring that fees be paid for such permits. A notification was sent through the post to each individual holder, requiring that such fees be payable in January.

RADIO BROADCAST**A LECTURE ON INFANT WELFARE.**

By Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 K.C.S.).

5.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese Programme.
6.00-6.30 p.m. The 3rd of a series of lectures on "Infant Welfare" by Doctor K. S. Shin, M.B., B.S.—"The Growth and development of Children."

7.00-10.30 p.m. European Programme of Victor and H. M. V. Records.
7.00 p.m. Stock Quotations, Mail Notice, etc.

7.05-7.27 p.m. The Fire-Bird (Igor Strawinsky).
Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski. 6773-6775.

7.27-7.44 p.m. Sonata Appassionata (In F Minor) (Beethoven).
Harold Bauer (Pianist).

1st Movement-Allegro assai.
2nd Movement-Andante con moto.
3rd Movement-Allegro ma non troppo. 6697-6698.

8.00 p.m. (Local Time and Weather Report).
7.44-8.50 p.m. Operatic.
Song-Mignon-L'm Fair Titania (Thomas).

Song-Tales of Hoffman-Doll Song (Offenbach).
Marion Talley (Soprano). 6713.
Orchestral-Madam Butterfly-Selection (Puccini).

New Light Symphony Orch. C1429.
Song-Pagliacci-Not Punctinello No More! (Leoncavallo).
Song-Pagliacci-On With the Play (Leoncavallo).

Giovanni Martinelli (Tenor). 6754.
Violoncello Solo-Die Meistersinger-Prize Song (Wagner-Wilhelm).
Violoncello Solo-Tannhauser-The Evening Star (Wagner).

Pablo Casals. 6620.
Song-Tales from the Vienna Woods (Betti-Strauss-La Forge).
Luceria Bori (Soprano). 6629.

Orchestral-Samson and Delilah-Bacchanale (Saint-Saens).
Orchestral-Damnation of Faust-Rakoczy March (Berlioz).
Philadelphia Symphony Orch. 6825.

Song-Don Quichotte-Finale (Massenet).
Fedor Chaliapin (Bass). 6693.
8.50-9.17 p.m. Variety.
Humorous Song-Fanso (My Hot Spanish Knight).

Humorous Song-I Just Can't Figure it out at All.
Gracie Fields. B3665.
Orchestral-Cupid's Holiday.

Orchestral-For Little Giggles.
Solo McElroy's Spanish Ballroom Orchestra. 22350.
Chorus-"Dear Love"-Vocal Gems.

Light Opera Company. C1809.
Humorous Song-The Empire Party Song.
Humorous Song-Fat Flat Fish.

Leslie Sarony. B3473.
Piano Solo-Let Love Take Care of You.
Piano Solo-I Found You.

Rale da Costa. B3937.
(This record is by special request.)
Song-The Song of the Dawn.
Song-It Happened in Monterey.

John Boles (Tenor). 22372.
Band-The Girl Friend-Selection.
Savoy Orpheans. C1409.

Camp Songs-Actually recorded at H.R.H. The Duke of York's Camp, New Romney.
9.47-10.05 p.m. Variations Symphoniques (Cesar Franck) Alfred Cortot and London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir London Ronald. 6734-6735.

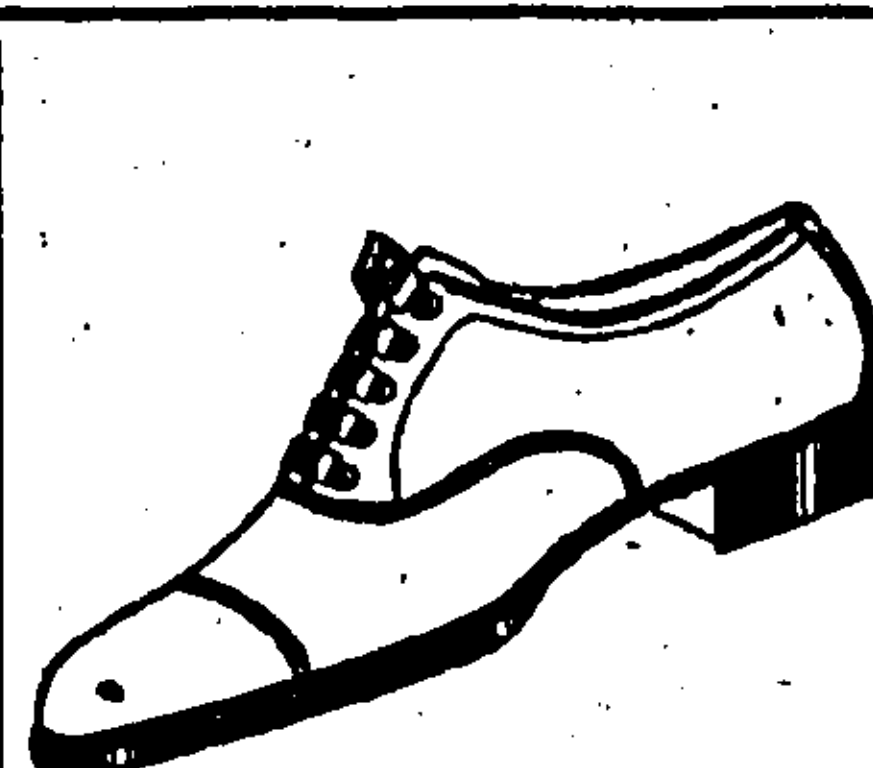
10.05-10.27 p.m. Orchestral.
Funeral March of a Marionette (Gounod).
San Francisco Symphony Orch. 6639.

Midsummer Night's Dream (Mendelssohn).
San Francisco Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Alfred Hertz. 6075-6076.

10.27 p.m. Rugby Mid-day Press News.
10.30 p.m. Close Down.
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"I think the sooner we get rid of Chinese New Year the better," smilingly remarked Mr. Wynne Jones at the Central Police Court this morning when he was informed that a Chinese who was charged with embezzlement, had yielded to temptation because he had no money for the festivities.

The defendant, a salesman in the furniture department of the Wing On Company, was charged with embezzlement of \$25.40.

A plea of guilty was entered by the defendant.

Detective Sergeant W. McHardy said the defendant, on February 1, made a sale of certain articles in the furniture department to the total value of \$217.50, but in the books of the Company had entered the sale as \$192.10. The misappropriation of the balance of \$25.40 was subsequently discovered.

In reply to his Worship, Mr. Wilkie Lum, a Director of the Wing On Company, said the defendant had been in the service of the firm for 18 years and received about \$50 or \$55 a month salary.

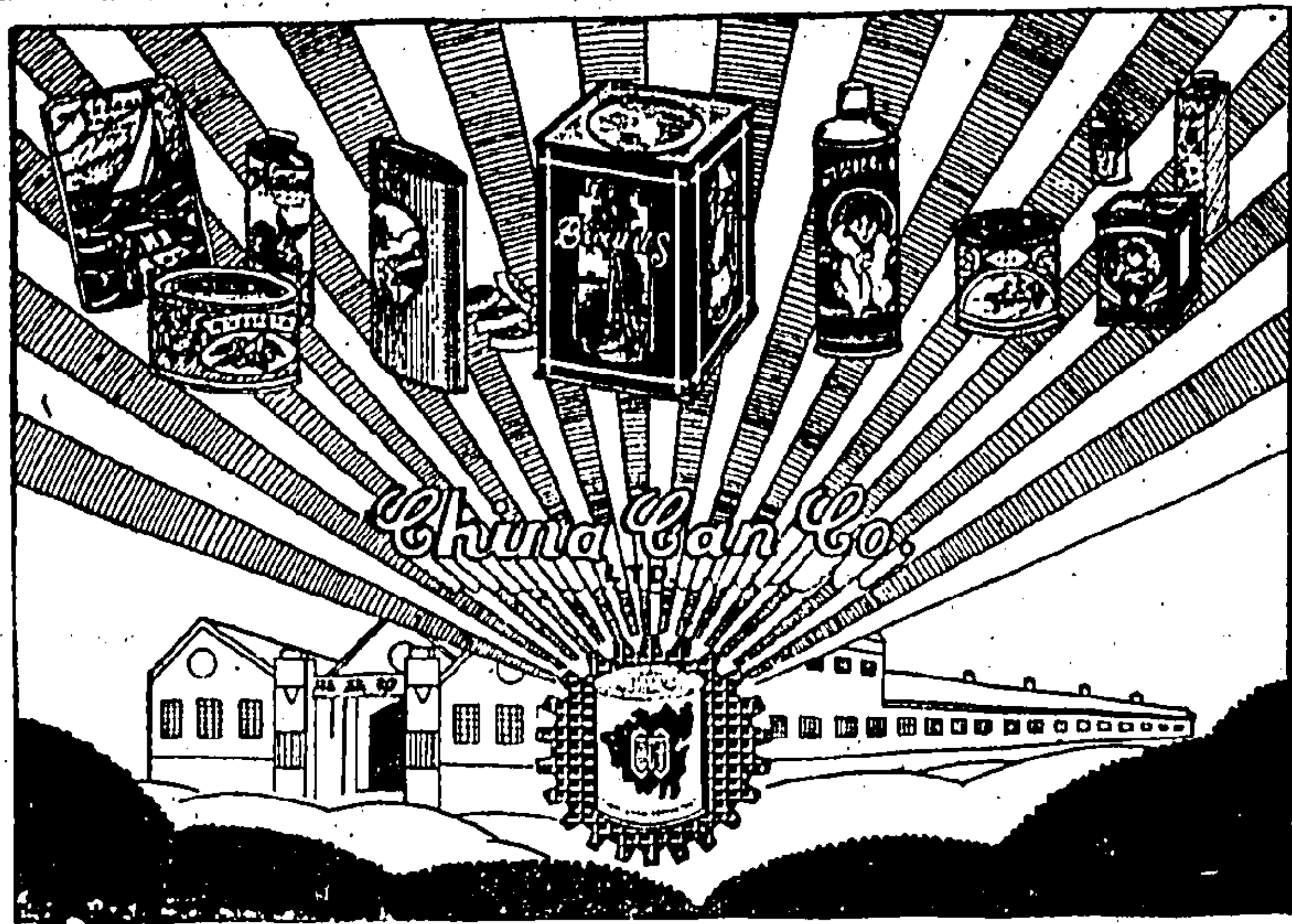
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GOLF CLUB MEETING.

NEW SCHEME FOR PAYMENT BY LADIES.

AS FROM APRIL 1.

Subscriptions for lady members of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club were again discussed by members, at a largely attended meeting last night, when a resolution, setting the subscription at not more than \$2 a month, was carried. The Committee's scheme, which will come into operation on April 1, provides for a fee of \$2 a month for all playing associates, and \$5 a year for those in the junior section.

In addressing the members, Mr. L. G. S. Dodwell (captain) said: At the annual meeting last December the Chairman briefly referred to the matter of ladies' subscriptions and a vote was taken at that meeting, which unanimously approved of the suggestion that the new committee should go closely into facts and details and draw up a scheme or proposition with a view to bringing it into effect. Under the Articles of Association and powers vested in the General Committee, it would undoubtedly appear that the proposed measure could be adopted without reference to the members, but seeing that specific notice of this proposal was not given prior to that meeting, and as the Committee do not contemplate any action in opposition to the wishes of the majority of the members, it was decided to call this extraordinary general meeting.

Reasons for Action. Our late Chairman mentioned one or two reasons why ladies should now be called upon to subscribe and it would be as well to record these reasons, and others, as in themselves they answer many, if not all of the objections previously raised. It is not logical that something should be given for nothing. It is even less logical when one section of the members are directly or indirectly subscribing for the benefit of others.

Once upon a time there was a cry to the effect that married men made the Club, and would not be fairly treated if they had to pay extra for Lady relatives.

Analysis of present day membership shows that out of just 1,000 members and subscribers, now present, 422 have registered lady relatives to a total of 447. Thus you will see that some 578 members and subscribers, or well over half are paying for the free golf and benefits of the ladies related or unattached. The membership has reached, if not passed, saturation point, and before restriction comes into force, (it cannot be long delayed) it hardly seems right that a male applicant for full membership, willing to pay the entrance and full subscription, could not do so when at the time we have a considerable number of lady members using the Clubs and courses entirely free.

Ladies in Favour. The Ladies Committee is definitely in favour of the proposal. At the moment probably less than half of the lady players subscribe voluntarily to the Ladies' Section Special Fund, and part of that money is devoted to certain benefits, open to these ladies who do not subscribe. Although the Club is doing well, we have to adopt a progressive policy and this is impossible without funds. At the moment we have not got any surplus funds and the overdraft stands at about \$25,000, therefore if we are to wait until funds are available, all progress or expansion must stop for some years.

It is difficult to form a close estimate of the revenue on the basis now proposed but as far as we can judge, it will bring in between \$8,000 and \$9,000 annually and after allowing for a grant to the Ladies Committee, cost of collection, etc., about \$7,000 should be available for development.

It has already been suggested that we proceed with the improvements to the existing Ladies Club House, these taking the form of a new storey with bedrooms and a lounge, and extending the existing ground floor verandah to form a decent light airy space for meals and offering a much better view of course.

Whereas I am not in a position to give a definite promise as regards the utilization of funds, it is obvious that we shall be in a better position to proceed with work and expansion progress, if the proposed resolution is approved.

If ladies subscribe, or become non-playing members, all will have to be registered and this will assist in the general control of the Club.

Scheme Drawn Up. Coming now to the details of the subscription, I would advise you that a Sub-Committee of the General Committee was appointed to go into facts and figures. Their findings were later discussed and a few alterations or amendments made by the General Committee and the following scheme is now proposed. If approved it will be brought into force on April 1. The fees are—\$2 a month for all (registered) playing Associates, except for Junior Section who will pay \$5 a year.

Non-playing Associates—Lady relatives (i.e. wives, daughters, sisters and mothers of Members and Subscribers) no charge; Unattached \$5 a year. The Lady relatives of Life Members and Honorary Members to be exempt from Subscriptions.

Only one change of status from playing to non-playing and vice versa admissible under ordinary circumstances.

Subscriptions to start from April 1. All voluntary contributions paid for current year to Ladies Section to be credited to individuals as subscriptions paid to the Club on April 1.

GOOD FORM SHOWN BY HACHIUMA.

S. E. GREEN BEATEN IN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Producing one of the most entertaining matches to date in the open singles tennis championship, the second round encounter between Y. Hachiuma and S. E. Green yesterday was watched by a large crowd, who saw the youthful Japanese player eliminate the erstwhile champion in straight sets.

Green, still displaying a punishing backhand drive and a rather deadly short cross-court forehand shot, presented Hachiuma with a difficult proposition and the young man emerged with flying colours.

Making well-timed ground strokes with excellent precision and a nice swing on either hand, he succeeded in sustaining the rallies and often came up for a short one to drive into the corners for success. He was, quite naturally, faster than Green, and he used this advantage to the full. Hachiuma has quite a little way to go before he can regard his game as adequately developed, but there is no doubting the possibilities contained in his display yesterday.

A. L. Sullivan, M. V. Lo, W. C. Hung and D. B. Evans all advanced to the third round, none being exceptionally extended in their matches.

The results in detail were:

Open Singles.
(Second Round).
D. B. Evans beat W. Woo 1-6, 6-4, 6-2.
Chiu Chun-chiu beat Wong Kam-fuk 6-1, 6-2.
A. L. Sullivan beat G. A. White 6-1, 6-0.
M. V. Lo beat Firdos Khan 6-1, 6-1.
Y. Hachiuma beat S. E. Green 6-2, 7-5.
H. Y. Ho beat A. H. Humjohn 6-2, 7-5.
W. C. Hung beat F. A. Redmond 4-6, 6-1, 6-3.
Y. V. Segalen and Lu Tak-lam, left unfinished with the scores of 2-6, 9-7.

To-day's Programme.
No. 1 Court:—Szeto Pick v R. R. Hambley.
No. 2:—Luk Ding-cheung v Feroz Ali.
No. 3:—H. Owen Hughes v Sai Wai-ling.
No. 4:—F. A. Redmond v W. C. Hung.
No. 5:—T. Honda v G. C. Burnett.
No. 6:—H. Luking v H. R. Todd.
No. 7:—Ng Sze-cheung v M. H. F. Waring.
No. 8:—R. Gremillet v T. Akiyama.
No. 9:—Ho Ka-lau v E. Zimmerman.

Maximum subscription for any one family as regards lady relatives to be \$5 monthly.

The Club to make the Ladies' Section a grant (estimated not to exceed \$800 annually) to cover various expenses.

No lady with male relatives in the Colony to be eligible as an associate, unless such male relative is at least a non-playing member or subscriber, or belongs to the Junior Section.

Lady visitors to the Colony will pay green fees at rates to be fixed by the General Committee.

The question of absent fees for ladies will also receive consideration. Chief Objection Removed.

It will be observed that we have made provision for a man resident to join as a non-playing member at a reduced subscription, yet enabling his lady relatives, who subscribe, to use the Courses and Club Houses. This removes one of the former chief objections.

Provision is also made for the member with several playing lady relatives, the maximum subscription for such relatives being \$6 a month.

It may be argued that some distinction in the way of a different subscription should be made for lady relatives, and unattached ladies, but I can assure you that this matter has been most carefully considered and the present all round sum of \$2 was approved (with only one dissenting vote) by the General Committee.

It is very easy to suggest this or that sum, but when you come to consider all the facts, the question of collecting, the different classes or categories green fees, etc., you will find that it is not as simple as it appears at first sight.

I would finally draw attention to the proposed Resolution which is necessarily brief.

No Increase Intended.

The reason for asking your sanction now to a maximum subscription of \$3 is to obviate the necessity for a further Extraordinary General Meeting, should it be found advisable at some future date to raise the subscription. I may say there is no such intention at the moment.

Mr. A. B. Stewart seconded the resolution which read:—That no lady resident in Hongkong shall after March 31 be permitted to use the courses and premises of the Club except on payment of such subscription as the Committee may from time to time deem fit, but not exceeding \$3 per month in each case; such subscription to be paid in the case of relatives of a member or subscriber as if it was an increase of his own subscription; and that the Committee be authorized to make, alter or repeal all such by-laws as they may deem necessary or convenient for the above purposes with power to discriminate between different classes.

There was considerable discussion on the point whether there should be any discrimination between the fees paid by lady relatives of members and unattached ladies. A proposal that the committee be asked to consider a scheme of \$1 for lady relatives and \$3 for unattached ladies, moved by Mr. W. C. Clark, was lost.

TRUCE FIGURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT.

THOSE ALWAYS OUT NO MORE THAN 103,000.

That continuous unemployment in Great Britain is limited to a very small section of the insured population, numbering not more than 100,000 men and 3,000 women, is the conclusion of very careful investigations made by the Ministry of Labour.

The number of those in regular work who have known no unemployment is at least 30 times as large.

Between these two extremes there is a group of about 5,500,000 men and 1,700,000 women (insured) who are sometimes employed sometimes not. But for at least half this group unemployment is negligible, and only serious for about one-tenth of them.

These striking facts were obtained by the Ministry, for the Royal Commission on Unemployment, by taking a 1 per cent. sample of the total number of insured people, that is 120,000, of whom 86,740 were males, and the remainder females, and comparing them with similar investigations made five and more years ago. This method of testing, by the way, has been found perfectly trustworthy and the conclusions can be depended upon.

The contrast they present with the prevalent idea of 2½ million people in Great Britain living in a perpetual state of dependence on the country is so extraordinary, that it deserves the widest attention.

At the close of last year the Ministry of Labour announced that henceforward the unemployment returns would be issued monthly instead of weekly, thus making it possible to give a far more accurate idea of the actual state of the labour market.

Late in Coming.

The only pity is that this was not done years ago. The misleading nature of the returns was perfectly well known, the monthly issue has frequently been urged, but neither Party would adopt it for fear of being accused of making political capital. The result has been a most undeserved "black eye" for Great Britain, and to do her much harm abroad.

Returning to the newly issued report, we find that:—

During the period of nine years from July, 1921, to June, 1930, over 30 per cent. of those in the sample had paid the maximum possible number of contributions and 80 per cent. had paid two-thirds of the maximum.

In any one of those nine years nearly 60 per cent. had paid maximum contributions and 90 per cent. more than half the maximum.

The average number of contributions paid by the whole body of insured persons has been 44 a year among males and 46 among females, or over 80 per cent. and about 90 per cent. respectively of the maximum possible.

In other words it might roughly be said that the whole body of the insured had been eight weeks in the year out of employment, as regards men, and six as regards women.

Even if this not far too rough and ready a way of viewing the real state of affairs it might well be compared with the position of doctors, lawyers and business men, whose enforced days of idleness tot up to a good deal in a year.

But the report shows further that:—

A large proportion—35.4 per cent. of the males and 48.4 per cent. of the females—had not drawn unemployment benefit between November, 1920, and December, 1930.

Those who have had little or no employment are necessarily within the transitional benefit class; but nevertheless appreciable numbers who secure a fair amount of employment.

Among those qualified for full standard benefit not more than 10 per cent. had been unemployed, on the average, for six months out of 12.

In the shorter of about 7½ years, that is, from October 18, 1923 to December 30, 1930, more detailed particulars are given. The upshot of a very minute analysis is as follows:—

Including now only those who were insured throughout the 7½ years, those who did not receive benefit and those who did—in other words, those always at work and those partly unemployed—the following figures are given to show the proportion of the period on benefit:—

None, 34.3 per cent. men and 39.1 per cent. women.

Less than 10 per cent. of the period, 71.9 per cent. men and 78.4 per cent. women.

Less than 20 per cent. of the period, 85.2 per cent. men and 93.8

THE JUNIOR GOLF CLUB RIFLED.

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tion in square formation about twenty yards to the north and immediately behind the Junior Golf Club premises.

The guns are being manned and operated by Japanese bluejackets and large quantities of ammunition arrived at the scene this morning.

REFUGEES STOPPED.

The further evacuation of refugees from the North Szechuan Road and the railway line area north of Range Road has not been permitted to-day by the Japanese forces, which indicates that the roads in the area are required to be free for military movements.

The Japanese are almost taking it for granted, following the rejection of their proposals for the demilitarisation of the Shanghai delta yesterday, that their ultimatum will not be complied with and are feverishly continuing the preparations for a general offensive.

HONGKONG FIRES.

Chinese trench mortar shells falling in Hongkong to-day set several fires going, but the Fire Brigade were permitted by the Japanese to proceed to the blazes to extinguish them.

A shell landed and exploded near the Chappo Road bridge over the Sochoo Creek this morning without doing any damage, while a large number of shells have landed on the other side of the river in Poohung. It is understood that there were no casualties.

CHINESE READINESS.

The Japanese field-guns are shelling desultorily and the Chinese are replying with their Stokes mortars. Reinforcements are being brought up to the Chinese lines, and it is now estimated that at least 100,000 troops are in the defence systems opposite the Japanese encampments.

MORE TROOPS.

Shanghai, Feb. 19.

Another two thousand Japanese soldiers arrived here yesterday afternoon, landing while the Sino-Japanese negotiations were in progress. It is generally expected that because of the ultimatum, there will be comparative quiet on the fronts, though Japanese aeroplanes bombed certain of the Chinese lines yesterday, doing very little damage.

All Chinese residents in Shanghai are contributing financial assistance to the Nineteenth Route Army. Representatives of the public bodies will look after the fund.

BUSINESS FEELING.

The Associated Chambers of Commerce in China, with their headquarters in Shanghai, held a meeting to discuss peace with Japan.

The meeting resolved that so long as the Japanese declined to leave Chapel and Woosung there should be no peace negotiations. They further held that settlement of the Shanghai "war" must be negotiated together with the Manchurian problem. This meeting denounced the proposed establishment of a buffer zone in Shanghai, insisting that the Japanese must clear out.—*Kensha.*

per cent. women; Less than 20 per cent. of the period, 92.1 per cent. men and 97.0 per cent. women.

The remaining 7.9 per cent. of the men and 3 per cent. of the women received benefit for between 80 per cent. and 90 per cent. of the period.

The upshot of the Ministry of Labour's inquiry gives great hopes of the possibility of bringing back the unemployment relief scheme to a self-supporting genuinely insuring basis.

Ease of the Work-shy.

Anticipations are published to-day of the recommendations which the Royal Commission is expected to make to the Government to this end.

One proposal will probably be to include various categories of workers not at present ranked among the contributors to the State system of unemployment insurance—such as agricultural, clerical and agricultural workers.

The great aim must be to make the system self-supporting and to stop borrowing from the Exchequer. From conversations I have had with various artisans always in regular work, they have no objection whatever to paying weekly contributions by which genuine workers may benefit from time to time. That is an equitable arrangement, since, if they go out of work, others will indirectly be paying for them. What they do object to, and very keenly, is the ease with which the work-shy have been able to live on the country.

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After more than 40 years in Hongkong, Captain B. Branch, Official Measurer, and one of the best known figures in the Colony, is due for retirement, and is to leave on March 4. Captain and Mrs. Branch will make their future home in Auckland, New Zealand.

Captain Branch, who has been Official Measurer since the office here was inaugurated 25 years ago, is held in high esteem by his staff, and an indication of this was given yesterday when they gathered to bid him farewell and present him with some mementos of his sojourn in Hongkong.

Mr. Yip Kwai-wa, senior member of the Chinese staff, who was with Captain Branch when the office was formed, in making the presentations, said Captain Branch was more than a friend to them. He had been appointed when the staff consisted of approximately 20 men, and by his ability and diligence the office had grown to a size that necessitated nearly 100 men. In the early days Captain Branch was the only European officer and worked single-handedly supervising measuring both ashore and afloat. Captain Branch, he said, was beloved by all for his sincerity, courtesy and kindness of heart. Those who had served under him would lose a kind leader and a valuable friend. He, on behalf of the staff, wished Captain Branch all joy and happiness.

Captain Branch is one of the old school of seafaring men, having learned the business in "sails" when in 1875, as a boy of 14, he sailed round the Horn. In his early years he made the acquaintance of most parts of the world, and as all seamen have, has an illimitable repertoire of anecdotes and adventures to tell of every part in the atlas.

The "Old Days."

His introduction to Hongkong was so long ago that Captain Branch admits he cannot remember the exact date. It was, however, in the days when the Blue Funnel steamer plied round the China Coast, when Queen's Road was the waterfront of Hongkong and when executions were practically a daily occurrence in old Kowloon City. Captain Branch well remembers the occasion when the 21 pirates of the "Macon" were decapitated within the old city.

Captain Branch came to Hongkong more than 44 years ago, he thinks, and has not visited England during that period. One of his home leaves was spent prospecting gold in Borneo and another in trying to locate coal deposits. His first ships in China Coast waters were the old Memnon and Ducation, trading to Borneo with timber. For a time he sailed under the American flag soon after the occupation of the Philippines, and was master of the ill-fated Hankow. For many years he was on ships trading to Canton and the West River. He has had the usual run of adventures that the China Coast mariner is liable to meet, with the exception of pirates. Never once have pirates boarded his ship.

His deep-sea-faring days ended in 1909, when the China Home-ward Freight conference established the measuring system for cargoes and appointed him the first official. The measuring was then confined to the Home-ward and New York conferences and for the beginning he had a staff of five, but the business of the office has increased with the traffic through the port, and now he has the assistance of Mr. H. Nish and Mr. H. A. Kekwick, in addition to nearly 100 Chinese. He has had strikes and boycotts to survive in his capacity as measurer, and well remembers the days of 1925 when he and Mr. Nish had to do the best they could with the cargoes to be measured.

The staff yesterday presented Captain Branch with a group photograph, a handsome Chinese standard lamp, together with a set of tea-pots for Mrs. Branch. Capt. and Mrs. Branch leave for Sydney on the Tandu on March 4.

DISARMAMENT.

THE GERMAN SCHEME OUTLINED.

Geneva, Feb. 18. A large measure of agreement with the suggestions already submitted is shown in the German disarmament proposals, which Herr Rudolf Nadowitz presented to the full conference this morning. The abandonment of conscription, abolition of submarines, aircraft carriers, tanks and chemical and bacteriological warfare are urged; also the prohibition of forts near frontiers, prohibition of heavy artillery outside fortresses, and limitation of the calibre of fortress guns and mortars. The naval proposals are a maximum of ten thousand tons for

SHANGHAI RELIEF.

TUNG ON STEAMSHIP CO'S BIG DONATION.

Further contributions have been made by leading Chinese shipping companies, Nam Pak Hong firms, restaurants in West Point and wealthy Chinese residents to the Tung Wah Hospital's fund for the relief of distress in Shanghai.

The most substantial donation is one from the Tung On Steamship Company, of which Mr. Woo Hay-tong, the well-known local Chinese shipowner is the Managing Director.

The Tung On Steamship Company has decided to allocate the whole of the passenger earnings of the steamers, "Paul Ben" and "Charles Hardouin" from Canton to Hongkong, for the period of two weeks, to the Fong Bin Hospital in Canton for the purpose of caring for the thousands of refugees who are on their way to Canton from Shanghai.

The Fong Bin Hospital is the leading Chinese charitable organization in Kwantung and is undertaking work similar to that done by the Tung Wah Hospital in Hongkong. The Fong Bin Hospital has been advised by Shanghai asking it to make preparations to receive thousands of refugees from the North.

Another \$20,000 Collected.

On Wednesday the third day of their visits to the leading Chinese firms seeking donations, the directors of the Tung Wah Hospital, under the leadership of Mr. Chan Lim-pak, have succeeded in collecting \$20,000. The Directors of the Tung Wah Hospital will continue their campaign for funds.

The Man Yuen Restaurant in West Point allocated to the Tung Wah Hospital fund. The Lok Tao Restaurant and other restaurants in West Point have all promised part of their earnings during the coming two weeks for the relief fund. The hundreds of employees working in the Man Kwok Restaurant will donate their February wages. The same restaurant will also contribute 10 per cent. of its earnings for the coming month to the Shanghai distress.

Among the latest contributions received by the Tung Wah Hospital are \$3,000 each from the Sincere Company, Nam Hei Commercial Association, and Kan Wang Ip Tong. The Bank of East Asia and The Sun Company have each donated \$2,000.

British Line Helps Refugees.

Since the commencement of the disturbances numerous wealthy Cantonese families have arrived in Hongkong but the poorer residents with their wives and children have been stranded. Most of them desire to return to Canton but not all of them can afford to make the journey. With a view to helping these unfortunate, Messrs. Butterfield & Swire Ltd. have reduced the steamer rate on some of the company's steamers on the Shanghai-Hongkong run and is working in co-operation with the Cantonese Club, the Kwong Shu Kung Sor, in Shanghai in handling the refugees returning to the South.

The first B. & S. boat from Shanghai, the ss. Kiangchow, will leave to-day with a batch of refugees many of whom are on their way to Kwantung and Kwangsi. The line is only charging the refugees \$5 for the whole trip including their three meals a day which, it is understood, will mean a loss to the Company.

AN ARMED ROBBERY.

MASTER OF A RICE-SHOP VICTIMIZED.

A daring armed robbery was carried out in a rice merchant's shop in Reclamation Street, Kowloon, last evening, when two men held up the master, and after gagging and binding him made off with \$20 in money.

According to a report made by Lai Sheung, master of the Sheung Tai rice shop of 602, Reclamation Street, about 7 p.m. yesterday two men entered by the front door and one of them asked him if he wanted to buy some scissors. Suddenly the other man seized him by the neck, at the same time whipping out a dagger. They took him to the kitchen, and after having gagged him, tied him to a water tub. They were in the shop for about five minutes, and then left, taking with them \$20 in ten cent pieces.

Having managed to release himself, which was before the robbers left the shop, the man raised an alarm, but the two intruders made an effective escape.

capital ships, and limitation of cruisers and destroyers. A limitation of expenditure and system of controlling armaments equally applicable to all the Powers is advocated.—Reuter.

DOMESTIC LIFE DISCORD.

INDIAN COUPLE AIR TROUBLES IN COURT.

Hearing of a summons by Mrs. Mariam Farid, against her husband Mahomed Farid, for alleged cruelty and wilful neglect to provide maintenance, was continued before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy, yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Hajira Hoffman, a friend of the family, stated that she had known Mrs. Farid since girlhood. Knowing of their troubles, she had offered her good offices as a mediator to the defendant on meeting him one day in Hennessey Road. The conversation turned to getting Mrs. Farid to return to the house, but alleged witness, the husband's attitude was uncompromising. "If she returns, I will treat her ten times worse than before," he had replied.

Before her marriage, witness continued, Mrs. Farid appeared to her to be always happy and smiling, but after the event she appeared worried and unhappy, and even wept on the occasions that witness went to the house to see her.

In cross-examination by Mr. E. S.C. Brooks on behalf of the defendant, witness stated that Mrs. Farid had grown considerably thinner since her marriage, being now less than half the plump person that she used to be before her marriage.

Mr. Brooks: Did Mrs. Farid make any complaint to you about her clothes?—None.

Sound of Blows.

Mrs. Madar, who, on one occasion, lived with the Farids, corroborated the testimony given by the complainant of an incident at the house on the day Mrs. Farid returned to her mother. Witness remarked that as she was leaving the kitchen she heard the sounds of blows being struck and on reaching the front room pleaded with the defendant to leave his wife alone. Witness held his hands to prevent him from hitting the complainant, who had a red mark on the side of her face.

Witness also mentioned that Mrs. Farid never had her meals with the household but had to wait until everybody had finished.

Mr. Brooks during the course of his cross examination asked witness if she would describe the defendant as a cruel man.

Witness replied that he did not always speak to the complainant quietly or gently and even shouted at her.

Mr. Brooks: Would you say he was of a mild disposition?—Not towards his wife.

Referring to the defendant's mother, Mr. G.K. Hall Brutton in re-examination on behalf of the complainant, asked witness if she would describe the mother-in-law as a stern woman.

Witness replied that she was very stern.

When Mrs. M. Bux, the complainant's mother, was called, Mr. Brutton asked what her daughter was like before she married the defendant.

The witness replied that she was perfect and in reply to another question explained that her daughter was always happy and not in the habit of going out much. Witness went on to give evidence of complaints which the complainant made regarding her treatment by the defendant.

The hearing was adjourned until to-day.

MUSICAL EVENING.

YESTERDAY'S CONCERT AT HELENA MAY.

A most enjoyable concert programme was listened to by an appreciative audience at the Helena May Institute yesterday evening, the renditions by all the artists being both pleasing and sincere.

The following was the programme, every item of which received appreciative applause:

- (a) Recit and Aria from "Rinaldo" (Handel) "Lascia Ch'io planga;" (b) "Caromio-bon" (Giordani). Mrs. Lockhart.
- Songs:—"Linden Lea" and "Silent Noon" Mr. Bailey.
- Songs:—(a) "To my first love" and "You'd better ask me;" (b) "Blackbird Song;" Mr. Bailey.
- Shaksperean Songs:—(a) "Fear not the beat of the sun;" (b) "Under the Greenwood Tree." Mrs. Lockhart.
- Songs:—(a) "Bols Epais;" (b) "To Anthea." Mr. Bailey.
- Songs:—(a) The Pipes of Pan; (b) The Little Irish Girl (Loeh). Mr. Bailey.
- Sonata in C minor for Violin and Piano (Grieg)—Theresa Dorensky and A. M. Bowes-Smith.

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THREE KINDS OF LOVE.

(Continued from Page 3.)

were neither seen nor heard.
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"I'm starved," stated Ernstrude. "I'm just naturally starved. Let's hurry right back to our house and get something to eat. We went to your house yesterday."

Mary-Frances, too, was torn by the teeth of hunger, but path and purpose lay clear before her, and though she turned from the window with a heart-heavy sigh, she took Ernstrude's arm and pulled it and said, "Oh, for pity's sake! Come on, can't you?"

Ernstrude's opposition, which, possibly because of the amazing success attending the venture for beauty, had been constrained since the girls had left the service station, now pushed forth, surcharged with feeling.

"Yes, but, Mary-Frances, Fenwick, I don't think you ought to, I think you'd better give it all up right now and go in for a college career."

Ann, at her desk in the office of the Redfern Plumbing and Heating Company, looked at the clock on the wall. Twenty-five minutes past four, and Phil had not telephoned to her all day long. Usually, at least, when things went wrong in the evening, Phil telephoned to her early the next day—not to make love: Phil did not approve of love-making over the telephone—but to reassure her, to let her know that he was not angry, to make an engagement for the evening. It was mean of him not to telephone to-day. She would have called him gladly, but Phil thought it not quite nice for girls to telephone to men. It was mean of him, getting a number was so easy. Waiting for a message—waiting for anything was hard.

(To be Continued.)

WOOSUNG VETERAN.

COMDR. DAVIES LEAVES HOTEL.

Shanghai, Feb. 18.
Commander Davies, retired British naval officer, aged 80 years, has now agreed to leave his hotel, the Fort Hotel at Woosung, where he insisted upon staying throughout the bombardments, flying the British flag over his house.

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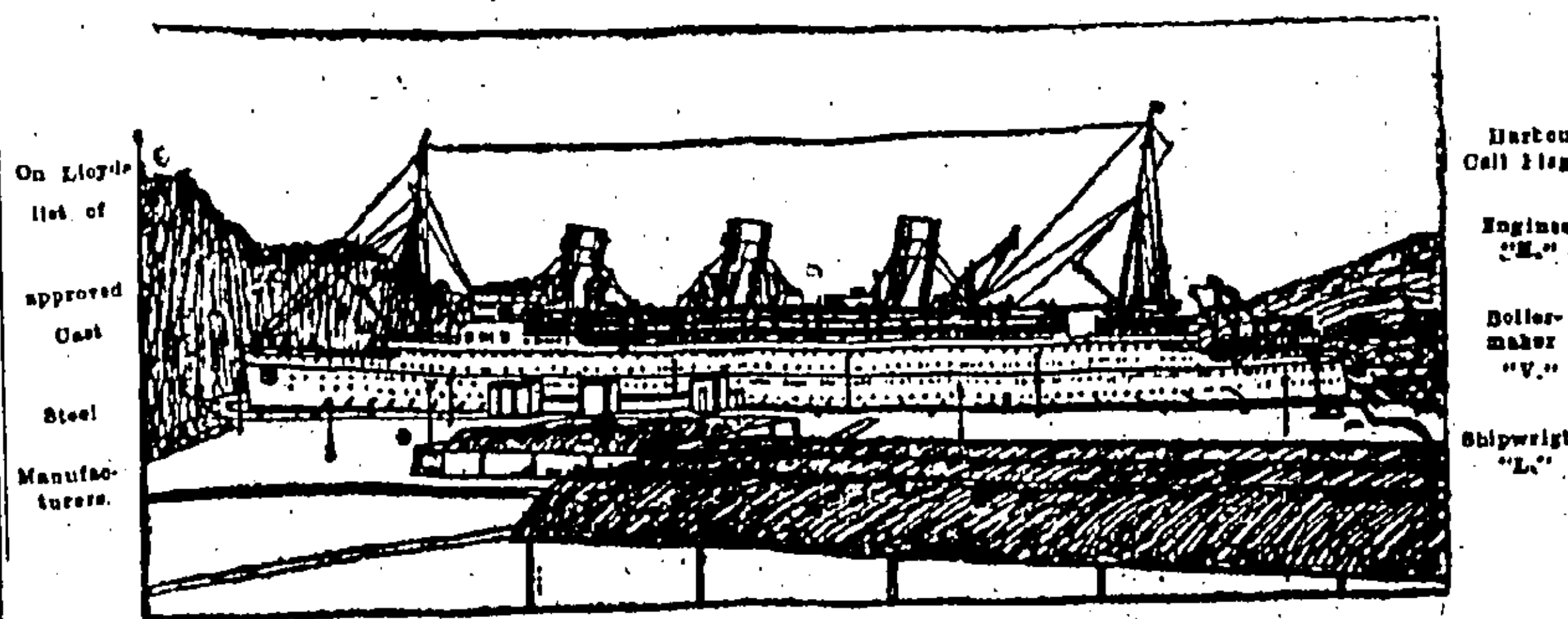
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CHINESE MERCHANT'S DEATH.

A Chinese wine merchant met his death early yesterday morning under peculiar circumstances whilst having a bath at his residence in Hung Ho Terrace, 12, St. Stephen's Lane.

The deceased, Mr. Leung Min-hin, aged 57, was having a bath shortly after midnight and was using an electric heating apparatus which he had placed on a wooden grating at the end of the bath to keep the room warm. The apparatus accidentally fell into the bath and electrified the water.

Mr. Leung struggled and shouted, and inmates of the house went to his assistance. Efforts to resuscitate him proved fruitless, however. During the struggle in the water, the deceased kicked the heating apparatus and severely burned his legs.

CHINESE CLAIM UPHELD.

LEAGUE ASSEMBLY MEETING.

Geneva, Feb. 18.

Jurists have been in conference all day to-day, considering the Japanese juridical objections to the convocation of a special meeting of the League Assembly.

It is understood that they have upheld the legality of the Chinese application.

The League Secretariat are of opinion that a meeting of the Assembly could be held on March 1, but if Japan decides to exercise her right, requiring time for a special delegate to come from Japan, the meeting might be delayed until a fortnight later.—*Reuter.*

U.S. BANK RATE.

NO CHANGE AS RESULTS OF BRITISH MOVE.

New York, Feb. 18.

Although the British bank rate is down by one per cent, there is no change in the Federal Reserve Bank re-discount rate which remains at 3½ per cent.—*Reuter.*

BRITAIN HOLDS BACK.

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out had kept in the closest touch with the United States and Powers members of the League of Nations, and pointed out that it would not be wise or proper for the Government to take any action which might seem to separate it from the other members of the League and identify it with the United States in any sort of opposition to other members of the League.

The Government had made every effort to keep in very friendly touch with the United States and simultaneously remain constant to its own duty to the League and to ensure that the whole Council of the League would be the body which would co-operate with the United States.

ARTICLE XVI ISSUE.

Lord Hailsham said that Lord Ponsonby's suggestion of automatically putting into operation the provisions of Article XVI of the League Covenant would be very dangerous and improper because it involved prejudging the issue, which the Council of the League had to determine, namely, which was the blame-worthy nation against which sanctions ought to be invoked.

The action suggested by Lord Ponsonby would be a declaration that Britain deemed that Japan had committed an act of war against the other members of the League.

IS WHAT THE WAY?

"Would that be the way to limit the area of hostilities?" he asked. If the necessity arose, Lord Hailsham went on, the withdrawal of all British residents from Shanghai would doubtless be considered, but it would be an exceedingly difficult and perhaps a most disastrous process.

Strange Japanese Comment on XIXth Army.

Surrounded by Nanking Troops for Disbandment!

Geneva, Feb. 18.

Mr. W. W. Yen, the chairman of the Chinese delegation, has asked for a special meeting of the Council to be held to-morrow, owing to the grave news of the presentation of the Japanese ultimatum in Shanghai.

Mr. Yen will ask the Council to endeavour to prevent the catastrophe which seems imminent. A communication issued this evening by the Japanese delegation to the League of Nations states:

"The majority of foreigners and many Chinese in Shanghai regard as desirable the removal of the Chinese Nineteenth Route Army, whose attitude is highly dangerous for the Concession."

The statement adds that the Nineteenth Route Army contains many Communist elements and the Nanking Government which proposed to disband it, "had now placed troops around it, isolating it and watching its movements."—*Reuter.*

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